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or 42 per cent of our gross con-tribution, of roughly £2,000m. Our net contribution is esti-mated at more than £1,100m, so clearly by withholding VAT Britain could almost bridge the

Britain could almost bridge the gap.

But, the Community crisis would be enormous. The VAT money is not regarded as belonging to Britain but as being part of the Community's "own resources", in which Britain, like other members, merely acts as the Community's merely acts as the Community's tax collector.

Yet Mrs Thatcher heads towards the Brussels summit with the probable support of a large majority in the Commons. On Manday night there is to be a three-hour debate on the issue. The Government seeks support in its motion, but an artful Opposition amendment seeks to incorporate the demand to withhold Britain's contribution that has already been expressed by more than 130 Conservative backhenchers.

It was Mr James Callaghan,

It was Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, who elictited Mrs Thatcher's clarielicrited Mrs Thatcher's clarification yesterday. Was she still trying to get "her money" back, or was she willing for compromise through, perhaps, a package deal? And would she maintain the present price freeze on agricultural products that were in surplus?

Mrs Thatcher was at her most admonitory. She remained, as at Dublia, ready for compromise but with little room for manogurre, and she wanted there so be no daubt of her willingness to withhold VAT as a last resort.

a last resort.
There would be no package deal, she implied; items like fish, agricultural prices, and sheep meat needed to be set-tied but "we shall continue to treat each item on its merits". And she indended to stick to rue price ireeze on

Surplus.
With the Cabinet apparently having had its last presummit discussion it remains for Mrs Thatcher to try bringing round Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor who is to visit Britain next Thursday on the eye of the Brussels summit. After talks at Chequers he and Mrs Thatcher are to attend the Königs winter conference in Cambridge today

changes were needed, and that although withdrawal from the

Community would bring great problems it would also bring

Mr. Walker used the debate to deliver a scathing reply to M. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist lesder, who on Tuesday attacked Britain for acting illegally an daugested it was time this country left the ECC.

The only country in Europe

that has not accepted the rules, that is acting illegally, the only government in the history of the Community that has de-cided to ignore the decision of

the European Court for more than six months, is France" he

Mr Walker declared: "1

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to be sold by Christie's in New York on May 13 (Geraldine Norman writes). All 10 are masterpieces of the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist periods. No small group of comparable importance.

Goldschmidt sale in 1958. A total value of £3.2m has been suggested for the Ford collection but this

seems very conservative.
Three of the paintings are on view at the Royal Academy Post-Impressionist exhibition in London.

Gogh : "Le Jardin du Poète, Arles " (right), painted in 1888 for the rooms that Gauguin was to occupy, and "Le Jarcin Public", again painted at Arles.

From the same period there is a Brittany seascape by Gauguin.

"La Plage au Pouldu", also on show at Burlington House. There is a Cezanne "Paysan on Blouse Bleue" of 1887 (left); the sitter is placed in front of Cezanne's earliest known painting, a six-panel

Scant hope.

Palestinian

autonomy

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, March 20

There was widespread pessimism among political observers in both Jerusalem and

Cairo today about President Carter's prospects of reconcil-ing the radically different con-

cepts of Palestinian autonomy, held by Israel and Egypt, when

possibly King Husain of Jordan, in Washington next month.

The Israel Government is

bracing itself to resist any pressure from America or

Egypt to modify its expansion-

ist settlement policy in the occupied territories or in annexed East Jerusalem, where

changes, which would also con-

solidate the position of exist-

ing settlements, are contained in an as yet unpublished docu-ment submitted to Mr Begin by

Mr Yitzhak Zamir, the Attorney

of accord on

Sale Room, page 16

Trotskyist group 'damaging Labour'

By George Clark Political Correspondent .

Infiltration of the Labour Party by members of the Trotskyist Militant Tendency was doing great damage to the Labour Party electorally, Lord Underhill, the former national agent of the party said vector. agent of the party, said yester-

Earlier he released his reports on left-wing "entries" which the party national executive had refused to publish.
The documents show that the
Trotskyists, having their own national organization, branches and priting press, are contra-vening the party constitution, but Lord Underhill said that he was not in favour of mass expulsions or a nationwide witchhunt.

The NEC should more actively put forward the principles of democratic socialism to counter the Trotskyists' arguments, he

Mr James Callaghan, the party leader, gave the impres-sion at the January meeting of the NEC that he believes the Tendency's publications are tedious and not likely to win support. But Lord Underhill thinks that all parties and unious should be alerted to what he sees as a d-ngerous

Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the party, said last night that Lord Underhill's updated report vindicated the NEC's decision against publication. It disclosed little which had not been considered fully and reported on the party conand reported on the party conference in 1977.

He had invited all fringe groups, including the Militant Tendency, to provide informa-tion on their activities.

All groups within the Labour movement had an obligation to provide detailed information and to abide by the party's rules and constitution.

Nicholas Timmins writes: The report was attacked as "abso-lute rubbish" by Mr Edward Grant, political editor of the Militant newspaper. "Militant is not an organiza-

miniant is not an organiza-tion, it is not aparty within a party. We are a tendency in the same way as the Tribune Group, and Militant conducts its activities in the same way as other tendencies in the party", he said. The idea that the Militant Tendency "parachuted in " to take over constituency parties was "all nonesen" and "child-

over constituency parties tors today reported another and child-small success in their battle to keep President Tito alive. They said abdominal bleeding had Leading article, page 15 been almost completely stopped.

Documents in detail, page 4

Union leaders to put latest peace initiative to British Steel today

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Steel union leaders will invite the British Steel Corporation to increase its "final" after today or join the vision in setting up an independent committee of inquiry into the industry's pay dispute.

This form of arbitration is regarded by the union as the must appropriate may of resolving the actional strike now well into its twelfth week. Mr. William Sirs, general

secretary of the dominant Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, last night went to Westminster for talks designed to prepare the political ground for the unions' latest peace initiative. It will be put to the BSC management in talks this after-noon by the 10 members of the Iron and Steel Co-ordinating Committee as a more promis-ing route to a sertlement of the strike than the corporation's threat to hold a ballot on its 14.4 per cent pay and produc-

In fact, union leaders are now

24-hour official strike called by

the biggest rail union in protest

The executive of the National

Union of Railwaymen yesterday

instructed its 15,000 London Transport members to stop work from the end of services

next Friday night until the end of normal Saturday services.

The step is the most far reaching yet taken by the unions in protest at a series of violent incidents on the Under-

ground which cuminated last Friday night in a fracas at

Neasden station involving gangs of youths during which two of London Transport's staff were injured.

The executive also gave offi-

cial backing to those staff who have roted not to serve the eight stations between West Hampstead and Queensbury on the Jubilee Line or Preston

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President Tito

at violent attacks on staff.

One-day Tube strike

in 'attacks' protest

They argue in private that the balance of shopfloor opinion is swinging their way as workers realize that BSC's pro-posals mean substantial job losses in the steel works that remain open after BSC's mas-sive pruning exercise.

But preparations are still going ahead for full-page advertisements in local newspapers that circulate in the steelmak-ing towns, calling on trade unionists "to beware" any secret ballot mounted by the

corporation.

The idea of a committee of inquiry has been in the minds of some ISTC leaders, for the past few weeks, and an exercise of this sort could be set up quickly if British Steel endorses the proposal. As the corporation has said it does not intend to improve its offer, this seems to be the most likely way out of Hi the proposal is taken up, three-man committee headed

by a jointly agreed chairman

of the Associated Society Locomotive Engineers and

the north western section

Firemen from the Baker Street

depot not to operate services

of the line after 10 pm tonight, tomorrow night and on succeed-

ing Fridays and Saturdays.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, emphasized that the Neasden incident had not of itself prompted the action. Last year there had been 221 cerules on IT Tests.

291 assaults on LT staff.
London Transport said last

press successive Home Secretaries for stiffer penalties against hooligans. "In particular we have suggested that an

attack on a uniformed member of staff should be treated as

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seriously as an attack on police officer."

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less anxious about the prospect and assisted by nominees from of another management-organized ballot of the men. negociated on job flexibility, demanning and local pro-ductivity bargaining. They ductivity bargaining. They would then make recommendations to the parties that would

be morally binding.

In the latest edition of Steelworkers' Banner, the ISTC
strike newspaper, the union
ciains that in South Wales,
being payments could only be
selicited through substantial benus payments could only be achieved through substantial reductions in jobs. In Scotland the bonus poyment would require a 3 per cent job loss and in Scunthorpe job losses would have to come before bonuses were paid. "Every steel worker would be required to become a bounty hunter", it says.

The paper also discloses that the International Metalworkers' Federation has given the steel

Federation has given the steel unions in Britain more than 165,000 to distribute to striking steel workers. The money comes from trade unions in Germany, Japan, Sweden and the Geneva-based IMF itself.

Sea silences original pirate radio station

By Donald Marintyre

The London Underground will be balted tomorrow week by a 24-hour official strike called by unofficial decision of 40 driv-By Craig Seton
Radio Caroline, the original
pirate radio ship, sank off the
Essex coast yesterday, silenced by the heavy seas that were the only serious threat to its existence since it was outlawed by the British and Dutch governments in the late 1960s.

The station's ship, the MV Mi Amigo, an aging Dutch coaster, was overwhelmed by wavts 13 miles off the coast in the early morning shortly after a lifeboat had rescued its crew of four, including two British night that a noe-day strike would not help to solve the problem. It had to continue to

disc jockeys.

The Mi Amigo had been in difficulty all night after breaking away from her mooring near Southead in a gale and drifting into a sandbank.
The four were taken by life

boat to Sheerness where, after being treated to tea and warmth being treated to tea and warmin at the police station they were released. They were told, however, that they would be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions under the Marine Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967, the legislation originally intended to silence Caroline and other private stations.

other private stations.

None of the crew was injured. They were named as Nigel Latko, of Bournemouth, Timothy Lewis of Snape, Suffolk, Nigel Tibbles of Rayleigh, Essex and Ton Lathoower from Amsterdam.

Mr Tibbles said after the rescue that those on board had

worked the pumps until coast-guards insisted they left the ship. After they left a big wave lifted the ship and she sunk to the bottom quickly in 25ft of water.

Mr Charles Bowry, coxwain of the lifeboat, said: "The operation to get the crew off took 12 hours. It was the hairiest rescue I have ever Caroline's owners and backers in Spain and Holland

oackers in Spain and notising indicated yesterday that broadcasts would be resumed as soon as possible, probably in a new yessel, to serve its estimated 500,000 listeners in Britain and on the Continent. Caroline's contribution

modern pop culture is well established. The station began broadcasting at Easter, 1964. and for many years, stationed off the British coast, attracted an audience of millions listen-ing to a 24-hour output of pop

The station's popularity aroused the BBC to establish Radio One, its own pop music station, to cater for the new, young audience. With other legally-established commercial pop stations, it gradually and substantially eroded Radio Caroline's audience.

Scholey denial, page 2

Any such moves would increase the friction between Israel and Egypt which has been provoked by recent devel

opments over settlement policy, including last week's seizure of 1.000 acres of land in East ferusalem. It would also lessen stinian leaders agreeing to play

Mice eat way through towns of Australia

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, March 20

Mice are plaguing towns on the west coast of South Aus-tralia. People have been catching up to 100 a night in their

The rodeuts eat their way through rubber surroundings on doors to get into the houses, in which they devour everything edible, and some things con-sidered inedible, too, such as plastic. Gardens have been stripped and the bark caten off fruit trees.

Frint trees.

Farmers may have to abandon sowing grain this year because of the plague, which has lasted three months now and is the worst to hit the area.

The area affected stretches from Cactus, on the far west coast, to a district about 60 miles east of Cedune, then south to Streeky Eay.

south to Streaky Bay.
Other towns affected include Penong. Theyenard and Munipa.

Almost nothing including the sea, seems to stop the mice. A family living on a yacht 300 yards offshure in Denial Bay, near Coduna, have seen mice swimming around the hoat. The animals have stayed affoat for up to 30 minutes, trying to get on heard.

The plague has been com-pounded by the appearance of rats. Ceduna residents who say they have not seen a rat in 20 years now report increasing numbers in the past two weeks. Dead mice litter 100 miles of Princes Highway, Australia's

most important motorway.

Schools in Ceduna and
Streaky Bay have been fumigated, but this keeps the mice away for only two weeks. At Ceduna children have come out of class to find their lunches

eaten.

A fruit fly inspector said that the mice would eat almost anything: "Three weeks ago they thing: "Three sea through bere. were a moving sea through bere. They are thinning out a bit now because there is nothing left for them to eat."

The mice have even tried to eat steel wool used to block their entry to houses. They have also eaten putty used to block holes. Near Cactus, a family camping awoke to find the floor and part of the sides of their tent eaten away.

Grain stores on farms are also a target. Grease used to block drainage holes in the base of silos has been eaten. Shire councils in the far west have been unable to combat the

Jews are either planned or under construction.

Earlier this week, Air Begin to have assured Jewish extremists conducting a protest hunger strike outside the Knesset that there would soon be lead to have some assured soon be lead to the conducting the conducting a protest hunger strike outside the knesset that there would soon be lead to the conducting the combat the plague even at their rubbish dumps, where they have put poison. Mice unable to combat the plague even at their rubbish dumps, where they have put poison. Mice unable to find moisture have turned to digging into septic tanks and have into the conducting the conductin there would soon be legal mouse-polluted trinks have had changes to facilitate settlement to drain them. They are empty on land seized from the Arabs during the 1967 war. The local people believe that

corrential rain might drown some of the mice, or that a cold spell could wipe them out, as could disease. It has also been suggested that if the mice start to starve, they would eat one another. But so far, they survive in over-growing hordes.

The Times

The price of The Times is to be 20p, with effect from next Monday, March 24, It is salem. It would also lessen slim chance of local Palo-an leaders agreeing to play 1977. In that period, to January, 1980, retail prices have risen by 35 per cent.

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nes, the Governor of Southern will visit Mozambique next i will use the occasion to ritain's gratitude to President or the positive role he played Rhodesian sertlement. The came from the Mozambican In another development, the announced that martial law d today. In London, the Govannounced that it would give ediately to help reconstruction

census questions ion on ethnic origins-will be

in the 1981 census form Mr lenkin, Secretary of State for rvices, said the poor response survey had shown the ques-not worth the candle. The m April 5, will, however, ask a respondent's address a year ad country of birth. The census t f45m at November, 1978, Page 5

Schmidt plea to East Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor appealed to Herr Honecker, the

East German communist leader, to meet him urgently for talks on renewing the drive for detente endangered since the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. Detente, he told the Bundestag, was important for divided Germany Page 6

Soldier dies on peak The death of a Special Air Service Regiment soldier during a training exercise on Brecon Beacons, the third in those mountains within a year, prompted an MP to say he would ask

the Ministry of Defence for an explan-

Gandhi report curb

The Indian Government has stopped all further distribution and sale of the report by the Shah Commission into allegations of abuses of power during the 20 months Mrs Gandhi ruled under emergency regulations between 1975 and 1977 Page 7

Jobs hope for Wales Prospects for 18,350 new jobs in Wales have been identified by the Govern-ment, Sir Keith Joseph has mid Welsh trade union leaders. Page 2

trade union leaders.

Bank 'corset' to end Treasury and Bank of England officials have continued that existing "corset" controls on the banking system will be

ended. In future, the authorities would exercise control through special deposits, interest rates and a form of cash ratio system. However, in a Green Paper on momentary control officials made it clear that they strongly opposed the adoption of a full-blooded monetary base system Page 19 Military exercise: 30,000 troops to take part in biggest operation of its kind since the Second World War 4 Damascus: Syrian minister hints at

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Sir Keith tells unions of 18,350 possible new jobs in Wales

Industrial Editor

18,000 new jobs in Wales have been identified by the Government, Sir Keith Joseph, Secreof State for Industry, told

Welsh trade unionists yesterday. There are also indications that the Government is considering putting more money into regions which will be affected

by steel closures.

The hint of further government help to ease social problems arising from British Steel's plan to end 11,300 jobs at Llanwern and Port Talbot and a run-down in the coal industry was contained in a letter by Sir Keith to Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC.

Replying to points made by ing last month, Sir Keith says that 18,350 new jobs have been identified in Wales on a county by county basis. He also dis-closed that the Government is reviewing the assisted area gradings for those areas which will be affected by the steel plant closure plans.

I hope that as soon as possible after final decisions have been reached by the BSC, following the necessary consulta-tions with the union, I shall be able to make an announcement on the result of this review",

of £48m has been allocated for

the areas have been upgraded to special development status. Plans are proceeding, he says, Prospects for more than for the acquisition and development of industrial sites. An initial wave of advance factory construction is being made by the Welsh Development Agency and the Cumbran Development Corporation. Sir Keith holds out hopes of securing further EEC assistance in the light of plans to provide further benefits to encourage steelworkers

to retire early.
Sir Keith, in his letter, underlining the strong support
the Government is giving to the corporation's retrenchment plan and says that its target production of 15 million tonnes of steel with three million tonnes in reserve is much in line with departmental fore-

It would be no service to the long-term interest of Wales nor to the many thousands de-pendent on BSC for their livelehood if the Government were to ignore the economic realities facing the corporation," he says.

rion," he says.

Referring to the effect of steel closures on the coal industry, Sir Keith states that he considers that the implications for the South Wales coalfield will not be as drastic as union leaders have maintained. Unions, he says, will be able

to make representations about possible closures through established procedures for reviewing the future of collieries. The Government, he says, will lose no opportunity of exploring works is to close, a further with a more stable competitive film is being provided and position.

No 'intolerable' gap if 'sus' law goes

Home Office administrators admitted to MPs yesterday that abolition of the "sus" law would not create an implemable gap in the law. The Home Office will consider changes once the views of a report by the Law Commission and the committee on which the MPs were sitting are made known. Five members of the Home Office were giving evidence to the subcommittee on race re-lations and immigration, part of the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. The subcommittee is hearing evidence on the "sus" law, which is de-rived from the nineteenth-century Vagrancy Act. The law makes it an offence to be a suspected person.
The civil servants were criti-

By Our Industrial Editor

foundation "

main points made in the article completely without

Suggestions that executives

were seeking rises of £250 a

week were described by Mr Robert Scholey, the corpora-tion's chief executive, as "abso-

supper to the sound of island music.

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businessman to relax?

yesterday denied a report in the made.

cized yesterday for being slow to recognize the difficulties surrounding the law and the wording of their written evi-dence, which one MP said was a tacit acceptance of the police

The Home Office's written evidence said facts about the involvement of ethnic communities with the law were not con clusive. It would be wrong to change the "sus" law in isola

Mr A. Brennan, deputy secretary of the Criminal department at the Home Office, told the committee that the law on attempted offences (or specific offences such as tampering with a car) would go some way to fill gaps should the "sus" law be abolished.

Pay demand by steel executives denied

and in the judiciary and the Armed Services, are the subject

of regular surveys by the Re-view Body on Top Salaries. Chairmen and other board

members in nationalized indus-

tries are due to receive the

third instalment of increases

The British Steel Corporation said, and no demands had been further study.

Daily Mirror that board members were demanding large pay increases and said that the and in the judiciary and the

lutely untrue". Remuneration approved by the Labour govern-levels of board members was a ment in 1978 on April 1 and

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'It must be like springtime in Siberia 'RAC says, as snow and ice block roads in the North

Third SAS death on mountain prompts inquiry by MP

A Conservative MP said yesterday that he would ask the Ministry of Defence to explain why three soldiers, members of the Special Air Service Regiment, had died within a year during training exercises on the Brecon Beacons, in Wales.

The body of Trooper Lawrence John Conner, aged 26, was discovered yesterday by an army helicopter less than two miles from the point where he had started out on a night navigarional exercise.

It is believed that Trooper Conner, married with no children and from the London area died within a short time of serring out on a 10-kilometre march in very bad weather, with march in very bad weather, with temperatures well below freez-ing. The Ministry of Defence, who would not reveal his address, confirmed last night

that Trooper Conner was attached to the 21st Special Air Service Regiment of the Terri-Almost two years ago Major. torial Army.

Mr Thomas Hooson, MP for Brecon and Radnor, said last night: "I have to be very concerned over this series of deaths. Training for the SAS is necessarily rigorous, and that has to be understood. Neverthe less, it does seem that there are people pushing themselves beyond reasonable limits. I shall be asking the ministry to explain these circumstances."— An army spokesmen said: "Such exercises are a neces-

sary part of training. We can not just train soldiers on a Bank holiday afternoon when there are no clouds in the sky. You have to train in all weather conditions." Trooper Connor, who

carrying a survival kit and rations, had apparently made no effort to shield himself

Almost two years ago Major.
Michael Kealy, of the SAS,
died during a 37-mile march across the same mountain range and in similar weather. He set out without foul weather equipment and had seemed determined to complete the course ahead of recruits who were being considered for the service. He had been awarded the DSO for bravery in the Oman in

Last August Corporal Robert Knott collapsed and died dur-ing an SAS selection march on the Brecon Beacons, where the recruits had to struggle through a 60 mph gale.

During the inquest on Corporal Knott, Mr Trevor Evans, the South Powys Coroner, or-

dered senior army officers to report to him on what plans they had to prevent the deaths At the inquest an SAS major identified only by number said:
"We are satisfied there is a

Soldiers have to work in dan-gerous conditions on their own. not just against the weather but against the Queen's enemies and in the long term a selection procedure like this saves lives". Cold spell goes on: Strong north-easterly winds and snow kept Britain shivering yesterday (the Press Association reports). The North was worst

affected with several roads blocked by snow and ice, but the bitter winds also brought snow flurries as far south as Sevenoaks, in Kent. The port of Dover was battered by storm force 10 gales,

which delayed shipping. Several main roads in Cumbria and South Yorkshire were blocked and in West Yorkshire 50-60 mph speed restrictions

In the Pennines roads blocked need for exercises like this by snow included the A57 Snake Pass, the A624 Glossop to Chapel-en-le-Frith and A628 Penrith to Alston The AA

warned drivers of high-sided vehicles to take great care because of strong cross-winds on The RAC said: "With spring flowers being crushed in inches of snow and ice, spring lambs

bit like springtime in Siberia"

being frozen by icy blasts and roads being turned into ice-rinks overnight, it must be a The London Weather Centre said: "The weather is being determined by very cold northderawn in key air from northern Europe. "Over the next lew days the weather will stay very cold, with temperatures picking up a little in the South and staying mainly dry".

The judge added that Dr

Stringer had "resorted to charlatanism and eventually downright dishonesty. You have ruined yourself by your fally."

He imposed the conditional discharge a lest you be tempted

to go in for other stupid business within two years. He

made no order on costs and added: "Your defence was rub-

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Top Tories gather to reassure the faithful

From Michael Harfield Political Reporter

Bournemouth The Prime Minister and eight ministers are to descend on the Tory seaside stronghold of Bournemouth today and to-morrow to assuage feelings of unrest among the party's faithful in the country.

Motions tabled at the two-

day meeting of the Conservative Central Council, a gathering of agents, constituency party chairmen and other activists, show that there is impatience in the ranks with certain aspects f government policy. Failure to oil the

machine at this level could in the long run turn a minister into a Charlie Chaplin, caught up in the cogs of disillusion. For that reason ministers know that they have a hard message to get across to the party professionals.

Communication is one of the complaints. A motion to be debated today points to "the debated today points to "the appearent lack of communication and understanding between the party and the electorate."
Proposed by the Yeovil Conservetive Association, it asks
the Government "to make greater and more effective use of every means at its disposal to explain, simply, its prin-ciples and policy and the reasons for them, to bring a greater awareness of many of problems the country is

The debate is to be answered by Mr Angus Meude,

salaries will also rise.

most unhelpful ".

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By Our Labour Staff

Post pay deal

on productivity

Pay negotiations on a 20 per cent claim by 140,000 postal workers will be resumed during the next few days. Yesterday the Post Office refused to make

It told union negotiators that

because a conference this week of the Union of Post Office

Workers rejected virtually all

aspects of a proposed produc-tivity plan, ir wanted more time to consider the implications on the annual pay deal, which is due to be settled by next month.

Union officials left yester-

day's talks with the impression that the corporation might want

to make part of the pay offer conditional on acceptance of

some of the productivity pro-

Mr Tom Jackson, general sec-retary of the union, has said that the corporation had budgeted for an increase in

wage costs next year of only 11

per cent. He told the conference in Bournemouth that the deci-

sions it took were likely to have great bearing on the pay nego-

Mr Scholey said that the

article appeared not unconnec-ted with the strike over pay by corporation workers and was



Mr Richard Butler: "In-

Subsidy for lamb to rise by 11pc

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Government subsidies which protect farmers against low prices for lamb are to be increased by 11 per cent at the end of the month. The subsidies lie at the heart of the dispute about British sales of lamb in

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a parliamentary written reply yesterday that the Gov-ernment had decided to con-tinue the sheep subsidy scheme because the EEC had failed to. include sheep in the common agricultural policy.

Guarantee payments on lamb will rise by 15p a kilogram to £1.55, and on wool by 3p to £1.15. Mr Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, said that the increases were Payment of the third and the salary of British Steel's chairman from £44,000 to £48,000 and the chief executive's salary from £33,000 to £37,000. Other board members'

"I do not believe that the Government has met its obliga-tions to the sheep industry", he said. "The industry would really have been in a bad mess if we had not had the guaran-tee scheme in the past year."

The system of subsidizing speep farmers by topping up market prices to a guaranteed level with government funds is one of the last relics of the deficiency payments scheme which operated in Britain before entry to the EEC. The scheme has been retained

for sheep because EEC min-isters have been unable after years of wrangling to adopt a common organization for the market in the meat of sheep and goats which would protect farmers throughout the Com-

France uses the British system of subsidy payments to justify its barriers against imports of British lamb. It says that the subsidies give pro-tection to British farmers which is not available elsewhere.

Mr Butler said yesterday that leaders of the NFU faced mounting pressure from some county branches for retaliation against French barriers against lamb imports. He said after a meeting of the council of the union in London: "We have had a number of resolutions demanding that we press for action against French imports such as apples, cheese and

Five years ago NFU members picketed harbours in an effort to stop the import of cattle from the Irish Republic. Mr Butler said that the union would not hesitate to seek direct government aid to match that given to farmers in other EEC countries.

University chief who 'prostituted reputation' fined in heating case

Dr Edward Trevor Stringer, aged 51, who has been sus-pended for a year from his post as scientific director of meteorology and climatology at Birmingham University, was told by Judge Potter in Birmingham Crown Court yesterday: "You have unterly prostituted your reputation as a man of science in this case."

Dr Stringer, of Wheatmoor Rise, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, was found guilty on eight charges of supplying or offering to supply goods to which a false trade description was applied. He was found nor guilty or

four similar charges and one of making a false statement that he was allowed to use the name of the university in promotional material. All the charges were brought under the Trade Descriptions Act.

Dr Stringer, who was said to be now financially crippled, was fined a total of £200 on two specimen charges and given a conditional discharge for two years on the others.

The case, which West Mid-lands County Council said was the first of its kind in Britain,

concerned solar heating equip-Dr Stringer and John Arthur

Pepper, a Yorkshire business-man, made claims in their advertising which they could not substantiate, it was alleged. High pressure advertising from the company headquarters of Sunwarm Solar Systems Ltd, of

It used the academic status of Dr Stringer, and people were persuaded to pay bundreds of pounds for installations which, it was claimed, would save money on water hearing. Tests on the equipment showed it was incapable of meeting the claims. A Birmingham University Official said last night that the result of the trial would probably be reported to the univer-sity council next Wednesday. The council suspended Dr The council suspended Dr Stringer and it was a matter for them what other action, if any, was taken. The council had the

At the start of the case Iudge Potter issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Mr Pepper, who was said to be working in

Nigeria. Mr Raymond Sears, QC, for the defence of Dr Stringer, said the verdicts might well cause difficulties for his academic future. His whole life was in

Judge Potter said to Dr Stringer: "I recognize fully your quite distinguished academic past and your good. service to a fine university. You saw fit to ally yourself with a collection of business people for cashing in on a very simple device which was not even an invention and was neither original nor particulary clever.

Other people brought in extremely sharp and shady business methods. You were

land footballer, became a director of the company at the in 1976. He told the court:
"I think I was there purely to use my name for advertising and I took it that Dr Stringer was there as the man who knew the technical side of the

system . Mr Lozimer said he took no part in running the business. He had lost £10,000, having signed certain guarantees. Lord Hunter, Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, said in evidence that at no time did Dr Stringer apply to use the university's name in connexion with eny business activity, although he was allowed to set

up a private consultancy.

Later Mrs. Joan. Seccombe, chairman of the West Midlands trading standards committee, said that 15 summonses had been issued against another. company involving cases in Manchester, Sussex and Bed-fordshire. Another company too naive to see that what you, fordshire. brought to the enterprise was was also under investigation.

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Big increase in whooping cough cases

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Whooping cough and food poisoning both reached higher levels in 1978 than at any time since the late 1950s, according to a report on infectious to a report on infectious diseases published yesterday.

The annual total of 65,957 notifications of whooping cough was the highest since 1957 and reflected the decline in the uptake of whooping cough vaccine since 1974. There were twelve deaths in 1978, compared twelve deaths in 1978, and three in with seven in 1977 and three in

Notifications of food poison ing in 1978 reached 9,741, the lighest total since 1959. The biggest absolute increase in frequency of one particular type was that for salmonella badar, which is closely associated with turkeys.

Blaze damages sports centre

A sports and swimming pool complex at Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk, was severely damaged by fire yesterday in spite of the efforts of more than 70 firemen and 13 appliances from six

brigades.
The centre, which opened five years ago, included two swimming pools, three squash courts, badminton and basketball courts and a restaurant. Two firemen overcome by smoke were taken to hospital.

Prince's green beret

Prince Andrew has successfully completed his training with Royal Marine Young Officers, which includes commando course tests. He is to receive his green beret at a passing-out parade at Lymp-stone today.

Today

Sun rises :

7.1 am 7.16 pm Moon rises: 12.12 am 9.55 am First quarter: March 23. Lighting up: 7.46 pm to 6.29 am. High water: London Bridge 5.49 am, 7.5 m; 6.19 pm, 7.2 m. Avonmouth 11.26 am, 13.1 m; 11.38 pm, 12.4 m. Dover 2.47 am, 6.7 m: 3.11 pm, 6.4 m. Hull 10.18 am, 7.2 m; 10.34 pm, 7.3 m. Liverpool 3.9 am, 9.3 m; 3.30 pm, 9.3 m. 1 ft = 0.3048 m 1 m = 3.2808 ft

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A trough of low pressure will be slow moving over N England. A trough of low pressure will be slow moving over N England. Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mostly dry, sunny intervals; wind mainly N, light or moderate; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

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Dairies deny shielding doorstep de guard the doorstep delivery. Mr Ian Bartlett, divisional Agriculture Correspondent

Two of the largest dairy companies in Britain agreed yesterday that they would not support borried milk for sale to dairies more than 20 times extra profit was 50 times were returned to bouses were returned by the companies of the largest dairy marketing manager of Express borried pint barries, said that bottles de burned to bouses were returned by the largest dairy marketing manager of Express borried pint barries to dairies more than 20 times was 50 times and 10 time in shops. But they denied a on average before they were milk was so claim that the policy was in lost. Those sold in shops re- instead of by delivery systems from the control of the cont delivery systems from compe-

Mr Leonard Jackson, director of the Voluntary Group Association, told the Commons-Select Committee on Agricul-ture that Unigate and Express Dairies had refused to supply bottled milk to members of the association between June, 1979, and last month.

Mr Douglas Brown, personal assistant to Mr John Clement, chairman of Unigate, said that the company lost a lot of bottles when milk was sold by shops, "I have had to write to shops saying that they either

go over to cartons or lose milk services", Mr Brown said. the association between June.

1979, and last month.

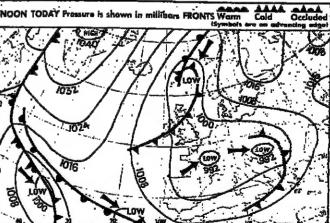
He rejected the dairy companies' claim that they operated the policy because fewer bottles were recovered from shops than from doorstep sales. Mr Jackson said he believed "absolutely and totally" that they wanted changes. Britain is one of the last countries where most milk is delivered to households rather than sold in shops.

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retailer is st round". the fresch r number of hands, and companies w interest in delivery." T case for T which requir

Weather forecast and recordings



Sun sets:

occasional sleet or snow; wind mainly NE. light; max temp 3° to 4°C (37° to 39°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of snow; wind variable, light; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll: Snow showers, few sunny intervals; wind variable, light to moderate; max temp 2° to 3°C (36° to 37°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Snow showers, few sunny intervals; wind S, moderate, backing E, fresh; max temp 2°C (36°F).

N Ireland: Snow showers, sunny intervals; wind N, becoming variable, moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Outlook for the max temp 3°C (37°F).

(37°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Outhook for tomorrow and Sunday: Some sleet or snow in places but also some sunshine; becoming less cold later.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh or strong, decreasing to moderate; sea

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c; cloud; f; fair; r,

Wife aged 82 faces jail over man's cash

Mrs Ada Carter, aged 82, who is housebound, faces the threat of jail in a week's time if she does not hand over to her husband £230 he has saved to help to pay for his funeral.

John Arnold, President of the Family Division of the High Court, was told yesterday that when Henry Carter, aged 83. parted from his wife she kept obtained a court order last year directing his wife, who lives at Victoria Road, Wood Green, to hand over the property.

The order applies to a tea set, dinner service, bedroom suite

Carter, as well as the money.

Mr Carter, of Lymington Carter had not complied with Avenue, Wood Green, London, the order. Her husband sought the order. Her husband sought to have her committed to to have her committed to prison. The judge added: "I have never committed a lady of 82. It is to be avoided if possible."

He made an order committing Mrs Carter to prison but susand tools belonging to Mr pended it for seven days to give her a chance to hand over her The judge was told that Mrs

More Hell's angels found guilty

The jury went off to spend its
fourth night in special accommodation.

It retired on Monday after a nine-week trial and has so far reached verdicts on 19 of 22 Surrey; and Stephen Waterman,

three others not guilty and three others not guilty.

A charge of attempted murder against Kenneth Littlefield, aged 25, of Wimbledon Close, Camberley, and Royston Tompkins of Cadnam Close, Aldershot, has still to be decided by the jury.

The trial continues today. The trial continues today.

Four more Hell's Angels were defendants, who deny riotously aged 22, of Park Road. Southfound guilty by a jury at Winchester Crown Court yesterday ing members of the Windsor of riotous assembly and assault. chapter of the Hell's Angels in three others not guilty.

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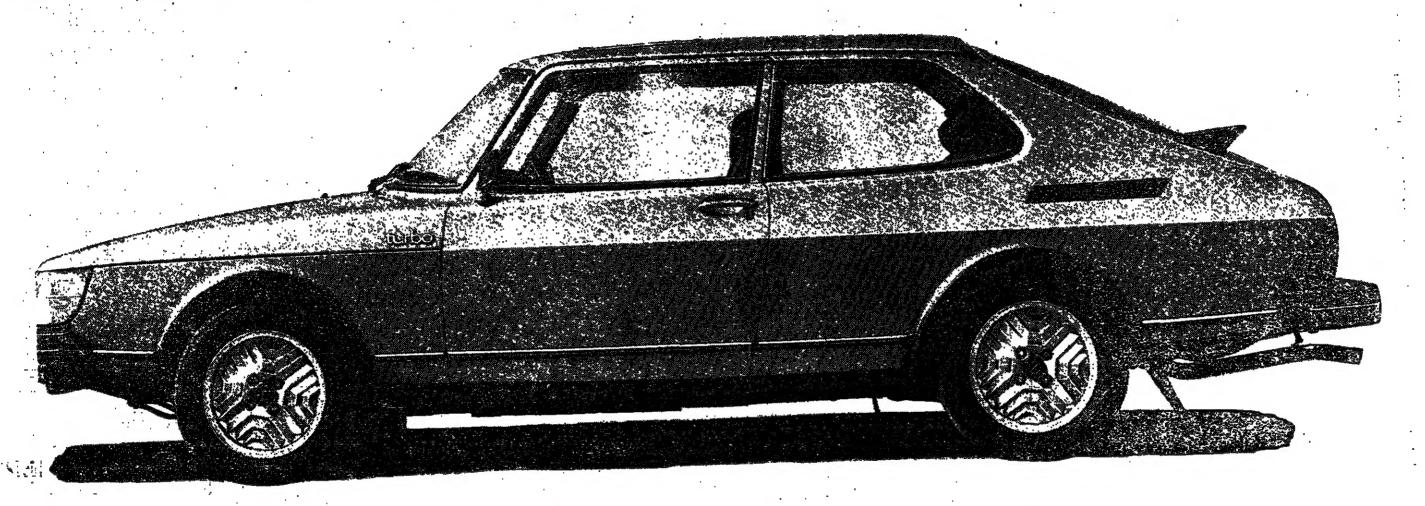
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Mock war will involve drafting 30,000 troops to Germany and a nuclear 'threat' to Britain

By Henry Stanhone Defence Correspondent

An £8.5m military exercise, the biggest of its kind since the Second World War, will be held on Britain and West Germany in September. About 30,000 part-timers from the Territorial Army, will be drafted across Channel to reinforce the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR).

Then BAOR will fight a mock battle after an "enemy offen-sive" launched against the West at less than 48 hours' notice.

been planning the exercise, called Crusader-80, for more than a year. Details have not been previously announced bethe Army has been waiting for final approval before going ahead with it Whitehall sources described

it last night as the most comprebensive test for many years of Britain's contingency plans for mobilization, reinforcement BAOR, and defence of the United Kingdom.

The exercise will consist of Three separate parts, code-insmed by the sporty terms of Square Leg. Jog Trot and Spearpoint. The battle phase, Spearpoint, will involve three

rules 'havoc'

The Government's proposed new building control regula-

tions would increase costs and

Helays, and could cause havoc, the Royal Institute of British

Architects claimed yesterday.

The Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations, 1980, which were laid before Parliament

earlier this month, have already been criticized by leaders of the construction industry as

Announcing a "vigorous

campaign" to oppose the regu-lations, the institute pointed out that it had not objected

to the introduction of charges

for building control, provided it could be shown that they

were reasonable and that their

introduction would save money

bureaucratic delays and incon-

However, the Government's proposals were little more than

an expedient measure to cut public expenditure, which in-

creased both the true cost and

the inconvenience to the indus-

try and the public. Under the regulations, pay-

invidious.

By Our Planning Reporter

Architects

fear new

American division and a West German armoured brigade, in addition to other troops from Lelgium and Holland.

It is the mobilization and reinforcement phases of the operation that are likely to attract most laterest, however, because of the numbers

An appeal to employers to release members of the Terri-torial Army to take part in usader has received a helpful response and was reinforced vesterday by a plea from the Prime Minister. The co-The Ministry of Defence has operation of employers was essential, Mrs Thatcher said, in allowing men and women to carry out their training commitments with the volunteer reserve forces of all the Ser-

> Regular reinforcements from the Army's 6th Field Force in Britain will be moved to West Germany between September 1 and 11, to be followed by the TA volunteers, who will travel during the weekend of September 13-15

Some of the troops will travel on scheduled Sealink Channel ferries, but only in small num-bers, so there is no danger of causing inconvenience to civi-

ships and aircraft or by specially chartered transport, including two passenger vessels and two freighters which have been hired from a Danish company. Ministry sources said that every effort had been made to find a British company, but without

There will be more than 40 sailings from Immingham, Felixstowe, Harwich, Dover and Southampton, and aircraft will fly from Belfast, Glasgow, Edin-burgh, Teesside, Manchester, Luton, Heathrow, Gatwick, RAF Norton and

Lyncham. Crusader will require troop to prepare for a nuclear bomb-ing of Britain, a limited use of chemical warfare by the "enemy" in Germany, and the threat to Britain from subversion and sabotage.

The Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, which have separate exercises at the same time, will play only a limited role in Crusader.

Only the Army's Eastern and North Eastern Districts will be involved in troop manoeuvres during the "battle for Britain" part of the exercise. The others will be involved only in command post operations, largely fighting the enemy on paper

BMA team to survey doctors' difficulties

Correspondent

The team will also consider the pressure on space in Harley Street, where lawyers and accountants are moving into premises formerly used by

the association, said yesterday that pressure of space was likely to grow because of the private work provided by the consultants' new contract,

lawyers and accountants are beginning to buy premises in the area. There have been cases where other professions have moved into premises that were used by doctors". The association wanted to keep Harley Street as a medical precinct because of its international reputation, Dr Havard said. The team will concentrate on the long-standing difficulties of

inner Loudon health care. One is the age of its general practi-tioners. Dr John Dawson, head of the team, said that 25 per cent of London's GPs were over 60, compared to 13 per cent

"Moreover, 8.5 per cent are over 70, compared with 2.6 per cent nationally. Only 10 per cent are under 35, while the proportion nationally is 18 per

Although the ratio of doctors to patients in London was better than elsewhere, with doctors' lists averaging 1,785, compared with 2,200 nationally, it was thought that patients visited their doctors more frequently and the doctors' workloads were heavier.

London also had to cope with

a large influx of tourists every year. In the summer of 1978, 8,500,000 tourists stayed 63 mil-

Kon nights in London.

The team would also draw up the BMA's response to two recent reports, the Flowers committee report on the future of London's medical schools and the London Health Planning Consortium report on the pro-

Labour urges West Europe dialogue £10 ticket Eurocommunism gets a cautious welcome

By Ian Bradley

A pamphlet published by the Labour Party yesterday gives a cautious welcome to the socalled Eurocommunism and calls for a dialogue between socialists and Communists in West Europe.

The discussion pamphlet, which does not represent official party policy, says that the crisis of capitalism is too big for any country in Europe to. tackle alone.

It concludes: need to be put forward at least on the scale of West Europe, and are likely to emerge only from a dialogue in which all the important socialist forces of West Europe take part. We can hardly deny a place among those forces to the Communist parties of Italy, France and

In his introduction, Mr Eric Heffer, MP-for Liverpool, Waltou, and chairman of the West Europe subcommittee of the party's national executive committee, which drew up the pambles phlet, dates the origins Eurocommunism to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia He writes: "A number of European Communist parties

simply could not accept the Soviet leaders' arguments, and increasingly distanced themincreasingly distanced themselves from Soviet policies. In
the process they have revised
many of their theoretical concepts and fully accepted pluralinform ism in politics, together with the democratic parliamentary path to socialism."

The pamphlet examines the phenomenon of Eurocommunism in France, Italy and Spain. In the two latter countries, at least, it finds the policies of the Communist parties to be more right wing than those of the British Labour Party.

It expresses serious reservations about the extent to which West European Communists cooperate and enter into coalitions with "bourgeois" parties. There was an understandable slight sense of embarrassment at the press conference held at the House of Commons to at the House of Commons to launch the pamphlet that it should have been published on the same day as the Underhill report on Trotskyist "entryism" into the Labour Party.

Mr Heffer, who referred disparagingly to the "Underhand report" went out of his way

report", went out of his way to reject the idea that the Labour Party should develop closer contacts with the British Communist Party or other far-

He emphasized that the European communist parties were mass parties commanding the support of a wide proportion of the electorate. "They can be feared or admired but they cannot be ignored", he said.



Mr. Eric Heffer : " Crisis too big to tackle alone."

He was cautious about how far discussions with Eurocommunists should go and said that they should take place only with parties that were fully demo-cratic and accepted the idea of a free press and free institu-

"We are not advocating formal discussions", he said, "but an extension of the informal contacts with European communists that already exist at party conferences and other

Mr Stuart Holland, Labour MP for Lambeth, Vauxhall, and one of the authors of the pamphlet, accepted that there were some difficulties in persuading the average British Labour voter that it was a good move to open a dialogue with Com-

"But if. as a Labour move ment, we are not in effective dialogue with the European left, but only with a fraction of it, we cannot hope to solve the great problems of multinational

clearly against Eastern Euro-pean communism. "We should tell the Soviet, East German, Polish, Czech and other Communist Party leaders that as long as they refuse democracy, while we seek to live in peace with them, we cannot be expec-ted to go beyond that", it

says. Mr Heffer says in his introduction: ject the bureaucratic societies of the Communist countries and equally, the unbridled, competitive capitalist systems of West Europe. The Dilemma of Eurocommunism

(Labour Party, 144-152 Walworth Road, London, SE17 1JT; 80p).

covers 250 historic houses

duced yesterday will entitle holders to visit more than 250 historic houses and gardens in England and Wales at no extra

by the Historica Houses Association and most of the receipts will be used to further the association's work in advising owners on conservation, taxation and opening to the public.

Those paying the £10 annual subscription will be classed as Friends of the association and will receive a card giving them-free admission at any time during normal opening hours to houses and gardens, but not necessarily to extraneous attrac tions such as game parks
Among the houses includes in the scheme are Badminton, Beaulieu Bleubeim, Broad-lands, Castle Howard, Good-wood, Longleat, Luton Hoo, wick Castle. Special tours will be arranged to houses not generally open to the public.

Decision on teach pay claim postpon

Education Correspondent Teachers' leaders and employers' representatives yester that month. The day agreed to postpone a decision on the teachers' claim for a salary increase from April 1 until after publication of the Clegg commission's report on

The teachers had presented a claim for an increase, based on the movement of the average earnings index over the previous 12 months. That was to be paid on top of any award arising from the commission's comparability study. The index stands at 19.9 per cent.

At a meeting yesterday of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body on teachers' pay, union leaders spoke of the strong feelings of frustration and discontent an unknown amo among their members because to be 15-20 per c of the delay in the Clegg award. They urged employers to reach immediate agreement on the principles on which the April increase should be based.

The local authority repre-sentatives said they understood the discontent and recognized the patience the teachers had could not agree at that stage to costed. The size of the Clegg award had to be known first. Membership Department, PO It was agreed that the com-Box 53, Beckenham, Kent BR3 mittee should meet again on April 17, 18, 23 and 25 in an

tions on the Cleg the 1980 claim by a combined increa salaries of 55 per o They had interim award from January 1, but the did not complete hopes to submit it on teachers' pay

Minister by the month. Publical follow early next : The employers ! every 1 per cent the teachers will £44m a year. In it support grant to for only a 13 per living increase or awards arising fro Local authorities for any higher wag either by increasi or by cutting of spending. Jobs wil

The National. Schoolmasters Uni Teachers, the seco yesterday's Burnh for many years been predictable for it said.

At present such pupils often combine the study of one or two A levels with repeat O level or CSE examinations, and possibly Albernative O level (AO) or the still experimental Cerrificate of Extended Education (CEE) courses, the report says, by a Schools Council working

relevant to their needs, and they leave dispirited and dis-illusioned with little to show for two years' work. They need more appropriate target for their post-16 studies. The pro-posed "intermediate" examina-tion could fill that gap, the

The proposed one-year CEE course should be introduced alongside the two-year "intermediate" course to provide primarily for pupils of slightly lower ability, those obtaining CSE grades 2-4, who wish to improve their basic and general education and perhaps include some vocational options, it says. The Schools Council believes

that a general studies course should be compulsory for all sixth form pupils. General sixth-form pupils. General studies can perform an impor taot integrating and balancing role in post-16 education, it

The report also calls for im-provement in the GCE A level, including a reduction in the number and variety of sylla-Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Secre-

tary of State for Education and Science, has been considering the Schools Council's proposals since the report was submitted to him last December. It is up to him to decide whether any changes should be made in the public examinations system. Secondary examinations post-16

a programme of improvement (Central Dispatch Section, Schools Council, 160 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 6LL, free).

Apology t by ministe over trans

An apology for Commons that onl eight education a dren, when the four, has been Mark Carlisle, QC. State for Educatio Mr Dafydd W Cymru MP for Car suggested that a sources should be able by the Govern of the "chaos" c defeat in the House Mr Carlisle ha much to the enjoy servarive backbe Wigley claims the the issue in the dom context, although was one of the caught short by a result of the tur

Law centres join Bur in failing to define which parts of the work would be covered by the regulations, the protest against short tenancies

applicant and the authority By Our Planning Reporter would have to waste their time The Law Centres Federation resterday added its voice to and other people's money in

Government had created a situation in which both the

those of the critics of the Government's proposal to in-troduce "shorthold" private tenancies under the Housing Bill, now before Parliament. The federation said that protection given to tenants by the rent Acts would be undermined. People who signed shorthold agreements, many of whom would have no choice, would not be able to get their homes repaired, would be forced to pay high rents and would be regularly uprooted.

and eccentric interpretation would apear to bep infinite, the institute said. £38,000 art theft

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not eligible.

The scope for delay, expense

Pinkney Hall, north Norfolk, the home of Mr Anthony Duck-worth Chad, was broken into carly yesterday. Paintings and silverware value at £38,000 were

BR sceptical over cut-price Channel tunnel plan

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent
The proposal for a cut price
Channel runnel by a consortium
including Costain, the building including Costain, the building group, was received with scepticism by British Rail yesterday. It said: "Costain let us have a copy of their proposal a formight ago. We are still studying it, but the steeper

gradients would appear to cause operational problems."

The consortium proposes cutting the cost of the tunnel from about 1650m to 1540m by reducing its length from 50 to 36km. That would entail steeper gradients from the underwater level to the surface and additional locamotives that and additional locomotives that would accumulate power on the way Industries in Paris said it down grade and use it on extra was delighted with Mr Fowler's down grade and use it on extra haulage on the upgrade.

of public money was welcomed in Brussels yesterday. But there were doubts at the EEC Commission over his reference to further studies. It is felt the time has come for a decision. There is enthusiasm in Parts too. except at the highest level.

President Giscard d'Estaing is said to be prepared, in the light EEC budget contributions, to oppose a tunnel with at least as great force as Britain seeks to

The Union of European Rail-

Columnist drops action

He also said that Mr Harry Weisbloom, a BBC producer, had promised to edit out any-thing libellous in the offending would check the programme, interview, which he gave for a which it did,

Mr Nigel Dempster, editor of the Daily Mail diary, yesterday abandoned a High Court action in which he was claiming £7,402 from the BBC.

Mr Dempster had claimed that he was tricked on television into repeating a libel against Lord Wigg which had already cost him £5,000 in damages.

He also said that Mr Harry

documentary screened in The Summer of '76 series.

Yesterday, before Mr Justice Gibson, Mr Dempster, aged 38, of Neville Terrace, South Kensington, London, asked through the proceedings.

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, told the judge: Mr Dempster, having heard Mr Weisbloom's evidence, accepts that Mr Weis-

evidence, accepts that Mr Weis-bloom said no more than that



London's health care difficulties of crowded surgeries, aging family doctors and a large influx of summer tourists are to be considered by a team set up by the British Medical Association,

Dr John Havard, secretary of greater opportunities "But we have noticed that

ments for the processing of plans and the inspection of work on site would be made to the local authority.

By George Clark

Political Correspondent Lord Underhill, the former dency is creating embarrassment national agent of the Labour and difficulties in some constitureport and background documents on the infiltration of local parties by the Trotskyist,

Militant Tendency. Militant Tendency.

Attacking Labour's national executive for taking no action against the "entryism". Lord Underhild, who served the Labour Party for 46 years, claimed that the party's constitution was being floated and that great damage was being done to the party electorally by the presence of about 2,000 people who were committed to changing society by revolutionary methods.

The national executive had

The national executive had repeatedly refused to publish the documents. The NEC's February meeting decided that Lord Under-hill should be allowed to publish his report (including more recent information on the Militant Ten-dency), but at his own expense. He said yesterday that he proposed to print the report and have it circulated to all constituency organizations and affiliated organizations, so that they could be alerted to the secret infiltration tactics of the Trotskyists.

Any fees that he received for television or radio interviews would be used to meet his costs. Since some members of the NEC have challenged the authenticity of the 400 pages of background material, Lord Undertill gave a detailed account of meetings he had held with three disaffected members of the Militant Tendency, who had confirmed its origin. He members of the Militant Tendency, who had confirmed its origin. He declined to name his sources.

While Lord Underhill rejected the idea of a witchhunt or mass expulsions from the party—he thought a party upheaval would be damaging—he said the NEC was the guardlan of the party constitution and it should make clear that it could not tolerate within the party an organization which, although it was careful not to have membership cards, nevertheless

membership cards, nevertheless had its own branches, regional conferences, a national "set up" and printing works, and whose leaders had said on television that they had about 60 full-time staff. They comprised central office staff, regional organizers and a large number of paper sellers. "They claim all this themselves.", Lord Underhill said. "How that can be allowed to exist within the democratic structure of the Labour Party I find very difficult to under

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stand."
Replying to questions about the strength of the Militant Tendency. Lord Underhill said he doubted whether it had more than 2,000 fully accepted members, but it had "contact members" the Militants were "working on".
He did not believe the Militants would take over the Labour Party, but they had an influence in about sixty constituency marine and out they had an influence in about sixty constituency parties, and they had completely taken over the Labour Party Young Socialists. One disaffected member had re-ported attending at annual confer-ence of the Tendency when 500 members and "contacts" were

present.

Asked why he was worried about the impact of 2,000 people on a party with a total membership, with trade union affiliates, of nearly seven million, he replied:

"First, there is a party constitution and it ought to be upheld by the national executive. It is not only the guardian of conference only the guardian of conference decisions, it is also the guardian of the constitution. That makes it clear that an organization with its own branches and its own propa-

party...
"Secondly, the Militant Ten-

nard worker with the wrong in-tentions ", he said.

It was one thing to have pres-sure groups within the party and to welcome constructive criticism, but it was quite another thing to have an organization within the party ranks which operated in

Trotskvists. It was possible that "entryism" would be dealt with at the party's annual conference this year.
"So long as Marxists accept

witch hunt

take more interest in the activities of the Militant Tendency, and make it quite clear that a majority on the committee take the same. on the committee take the same-view as me.
"Some members of he NEC have said that the Militant Ten-dency people are so boring, so puerile, that it will just fade away. I do not believe it will fade away. It took some of us over four years, from 1960 to 1864, to convince the national executive

rary.

Equally, the executive could wind up the youth movement; as had happened in the past, or it could reorganize the Young Socialists, but that was not the attitude. The mass of documents which Lord Underhill issued as back-

party ramks which operated in secret and determined the direction of the party.

His aim was to make local parties and trade unions aware of the Tendency's activities in the hope that they would take action to "neutralize" the effect of the

"So long as Marxists accept the democratic and pluralistic nature of society, and the principles of parliamentary democracy, there is no harm in their being members of the Labour Party."

He thought publicity given to his views in the media would lead Labour Party members and trade unionists to oppose more effectively the ideas of the Trotskyists. He agreed that action could be taken under clause 2 of the party's constitution against the Militant Tendency, or he clause could be changed, but he preferred the method of defeating the "entryists" by force or argument.

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that the Keep Left organization were not just a hadmless, left wing pressure group, but that they were in the Workers' Revolutionary

" Thirdly, and this is the most

"Thirdly, and this is the most important consideration, unless the Labour Party makes it absolutely clear where the polemics of the Militant Tendency disagree with our principles of democratic socialism, the Tendency will be an electoral handicap.

"Vast numbers of people who usually support Labour will want to know where the Labour Party stands in relation to the tendency, its activities and its intervention."

its activities and its intervention "Some of the Militant Tendency people are energetic, acrive party workers, but you can be a hard worker with the wrong intentions." he said.

"I do not want to see a nation-wide witchhunt", he said, but he did not want the present attitude of tolerance to continue.
"The national executive should

ground to his report shows the strong impact of the Militant Ten-dency on the Labour and trade union movement in relation to its size.

The documents date from 1974 to 1978, and the influence of the

Militant group has increased since



Lord Underhill: "Trotskyists flout Labour constitution." then. The organized groups within most Labour parties and unions are small, but they thrive on the inactivity of the "moderates". In 1975 the group's bulletin recorded that the caucus in the engineering unions was "attended by '10 comrades.", in the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union caucus there were 11, in the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs 12, and in the railway unions the active membership agerral. States 14, and in the rational way unions the active membership of the caucus was two in the National Union of Railwaymen, one in the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and 11 in the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (four of whom-were non-railway).

A report from east Wales in February, 1978, said that the Militants had supporters in nine of the 16 constituency Labour "Where we have supporters there is a general tendency for the party to have some life. Some of the parties are virtually post-mortem cases. In these parties we have adopted a policy of only playing a watching brief, protecting the youth branch, watching for any new people, and just ticking over.

"But where we found ourselves in a dead party branch in a good area we have been able to take control and build it." In west Wales, during the same period, it was reported: "The In west Wales, during the same period, it was reported: "The Labour Party was dying on its feet, with attendances falling. Thus we decided to reorient our supporters into doing more open work." Sales of the paper Milliant had increased and brought in new contacts. Other left-wing "sects", including the Socialist Workers!

"Dole queues have also provided us with valuable new supporters", the local organizer reported, and told of efforts to get systematic coverage of local factories to bring the Militam message to the workers.

including the Socialist Workers' Party, had disappeared.

men to lead the way to breaking the 10 per cent barrier."

The Militant's support for strikers won new adherents, as did attacks on them by Labour Party "moderates". Looking back over 1977-78, the Tendency's general report says: "The attacks on us have done nothing but good in terms of stiffening our comrades, increasing our size, our paper sales and our influence Inside the Labour movement and making us a nationally known force.

"It is not excluded that there will be another attempted witchhunt, probably after the election. But all our experiences show that Marxism cannot be suppressed by organizational measures. On the contrary, each attack will increase our support." men to lead the way to breaking

Young Socialists completely controlled

The Tendency does not under-play its influence on the Labour Party Young Socialists, where it has dominated policy-making and the official structure for several years. But it is not so happy about progress within the trade unions. Play its immence on the Labour Party Young Socialists, where it has dominated policy-making and the official structure for several years. But it is not so happy about progress within the trade unions, and it attacks the TUC leadership for its collaboration with the Labour Government in carrying out policies dictated by big business.

In Scotland, however, the Tendency claims to have made great headway. "Mass party work has been extremely successful, as will have been seen from the report of the Scottish (Labour) conference, which overwhelmingly adopted our full programme. It reflected the arrival of our Tendency as a credible political force and the main opposition within the party in Scotland."

But it was weak in areas, such as Aberdeen, and it determined to make an assault on industrial targets. "especially the National Umon of Mineworkers, and big factories like British Leyland at Bartigate".

Most of the background documents, running to well over 400 pages of photographed material, simply record political activity That is why supplies of CS gas, New supporters came in 2s a factories like British Leyland at result of the Militant group's work on picket lines during the firemen's strike. "The strike lifted the entire Labour movement, 2s many workers looked to the firemany workers looked to the fire-

effective pressure group. Operating within the rules haid down by the approved for regional meetings or party or trade union conferences.

was in April, 1978). Militant activists are constantly encouraged to join and racialist movements with the aim of "winning black youth to Marxism". One bulletin says: "Both our general work against racialism and

Instructions are given about countering attempts by the National Front to break up meet-ings. "A local broad anti-racist

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Lord Underhill attacks Labour's NEC for failing to act on 'entryism that might be carried on by any riot shields.

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They had their troubles with other left-wing "sects", including the Tribune Group and the Independent Labour Publications group (formarly the Clause 4 Group). The Militanti organisers claim that in the constituencies Tribune Group supporters shifted their allegiance to the ILP (that was in Archi 1978).

general work against racialism and more especially our work through the lever of the black youth group needs to be stepped up. It is an open door that we are pushing at. "We must find a road to the black youth and the Asian youth, not only to increase the size of the group, but also to ensure that the undoubted repeated gruptions of racialist poison will see our organization able to take the from rank in the fight against front rank in the fight against racialism."

ings. "A local broad anti-racist front organization having had their meetings smashed up (with no serious attempt to protect themselves) is now "running scared" of holding public meetings."

The first thing to realize, groups are told, is that the organizers of any meeting are legally responsible for the smooth running of the meeting.

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"Therefore even if the police were impartial, the responsibility for stewarding any of our meetings is ours alone. As the police are not impartial, it is also important to ensure that their role is strictly outside the meeting.

The Times comes in for harsh criticism. In 1977 the Tendency attacked the Labour Government's policy of "savage" public expenditure cuts and measures to reduce the workers' standard of living, and gave a warning that a Tory government would adopt even more dracomian cuts.

"On this theme", the spokesman said, "the ravings of the former sober journal, the voice of Toryism and of big busiless, The Times, is an indication of the culde-sac in which British capitalism finds itself."

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By John Young Planning Reporter. A £10 "season ricket" introtheir pay

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Details and application forms can be obtained from The Historic Houses Association.

Exam for pupils of average ability is proposed By Our Education

" intermediate " examination, pitched about half way between O and A level, is proposed by the Schools Council in a report published today.

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The baby gorilla born at the Bristol 200 a fortnight ago playing yesterday with Mr Michael Colbourne, head keeper of the ape house. Neither mother nor baby is on show to visitors yet.

Trials begin on 'new' Interferon

By Our Science Editor.

Thirty cancer patients are taking part in the first largescale clinical trials of the biochemical Interferon, which has been synthesized by genetic engineering at the Inboratories at High Wycombe of G. D. Searle, the international drug company:

A team working with Dr. A. J. Hale has perfected a process for producing 200 million units every eight days, au important development in taking the products of genetic engineering to the market.

The new cancer therapy is being carried out at the University of Texas Anderson Hospital and Tumour Institute-

Interferon, which may help to prevent influenza, hepatitis and other viral infections, was identified in 1956, but development was hampered because only tiny quantities could be obtained from sources such as white blood cells.

Other cells in the body, They were on weekly fibroblasts, produce the same orked, school-leaving chemical. In the technique perfected by G. D. Searle genetic material that controls the synthesis of Interferon in fibroertility and date of blasts is removed and trans-, which could disclose forced to bacteria which proa child was born out duce the substance in large

New cancer risks from rubber

By Nicholas Timmins Workers in the rubber industry may be running an increased. risk of lung and stomach cancers, according to a report published yesterday by the Health and Safety Executive, and there is a need to reduce exposure to

dust and fumes.

The report is the result of a 10 year study covering 41,000 of the industry's 87,000 employees. It shows that bladder cancer,

antioxidants used in the indus-try up to 1949, is no longer a threat. But among the 12,799 who had worked in factories when the agents were used, 36 deaths

thought to be caused by certain

were found, against 25 expected. Because of the long period it takes bladder cancer to develop, from five to more than 45 years. cases from the earlier exposures may still occur until the end of the century, the report says.

that other cancer-causing agents may await identification and elimination. Across the industry, 822

But while the study concludes

that bladder cancer is no longer

a threat, the results indicate

deaths from lung cancer were found, against 764 expected, and tyre manufacturing, 91 stomach cancer deaths were found, against 74 expected.

Inquiry into **DPP** staff member allegations

Senior Scotland Yard detectives are investigating allegations concerning a member of the Director of Public Prosecution's department. The inquiry has been under way for some weeks and concerns a barrister, who has been suspended pending the outcome

A spokesman for the DPP's office yesterday confirmed that the inquiry was in progress. Allegations have been made concerning claims for expenses. Officers led by a detective chief superintendent have been dealing with the inquiry. They are members of Scotland Yard's CI department, which specializes in a variety of investigations ranging from serious crime to art frauds.

It is understood the inquiry has been passed to the department not because the allegations in themselves could be described as serious, but be-cause of the offices in which they are said to have taken place. The DPP's department is responsible for advising the police on prosecutions
Although the silegations cast
no aspertions on Sir Thomas

Hetherington, Director of Pubic Prosecutions, they do come at a very awkward time, as Sir Thomas has been subject to considerable criticism recently. Last weekend Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, said that Sir Thomas had been subpect to an unjusti fied sniping campaign over his handling of advice to Operation Countryman, the investigation into allegations of London police corruption. On the same day further fuel was added to

the criticism by revelations of a Scotland Yard report on the death of Mr Blair Peach. The revelations suggested that the DPP had rejected recommendations by Scotlard Yard officers that members of the Special Patrol Group should

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court after Tube fight A teenage girl and six young

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men were remanded on bai until June 10 at Willesden Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday charged in connexion with an incident at Neasden Tube station in west London

They were Karen Taylor, aged 18, of Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley; Stephen Hendy, aged 21, of Neasden Lane, Willesden; Thomas Howart, aged 21, of Wilberforce Road, Highbury; Gerard Mooney, aged 17, of Storks Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware; William Garvey, aged 19, of St Avenue, Willesden; Blakeley, aged 17, of Sean Dwyer, aged 21, of Lyon Park Avenue, Wembley.

All were accused of using threatening behaviour and Mr Garvey was also charged with offensive weapon.

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r prosecuting a young appropriate, the judge said.
putting in his pocket "It is really unfair that a young man of good character should have had this hanging over his head fo rfive months when a warning would have been the appropriate thing." Mr Colls, aged 25, a radio-

grapher, of Monday Crescent Newcastle, who denied their intends to make an official complaint to Northumbria police. Mr. Colls saw a Parker pen valued at £3.50 on the ground near the scene of a minor traffic accident in Newcastle He said: "I picked it up and put it in my pocket. A police-man came up and asked me where I was going with the pen.

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Veterinary surgeons often pre-fer to operate with arms un-covered, finding that gloves make the procedures more diffiian Williams, a consul-ysician in Haverfordtes in the British Medimal that he has seen es of skin infection in ry surgeons due to saldublin, a bacterium s caused several out-of blood poisoning in

Medical Correspondent raw, unpasteurized milk in-dary surgeons: are fected with the bacterium, oday for the spread of When a cow needs help during calving, the internal manipulations may be strenuous and prolonged, Dr Williams says.

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of blood poisoning in In fact. Dr Williams says, the cause in his patients was salhuman outbreaks, monella dubin, and while the ave involved deaths of rash persisted the surgeon in poor health have could pass the infection to other cause.

Five years' jail for office block arsonist

David Donner, aged 28, who was said to have started a blaze in a crowded office block in Hull, was sentenced at York Crown Court yesterday to five

years' imprisonment.

Mr Donner, an unemployed welder, had told arresting officers: "I wanted to burn the building down and see people running about I wanted to see someone die." people running about. I wanted to see someone die?

He pleaded guilty to burglary and arson with intent to endanger life, using lighter fuel and paper to begin the fire Mr Geoffrey Marson, for the prosecution, said Mr. Donner tossed cans containing air fresherer into the flames so freshener into the flames so that they would explode

nina Syndrome' stars win top awards

Fonda and Jack Lemte joint stars of The undrome the American out an accident at a power plant, have won hest film actress and mactor awards of the Academy of Film and

television best actor actress category, Sir linness won the award tole as George Smiley r, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; f Youth, in which she Vera Brittain. awards were presented cess Anne, president of

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Zinner); soundtrack: Alica (Derrick Leather, Jim Shields, Bill Rowe); short film: Butch Minds the Baby (Peter Webb); Robert Flaherty award: Ermanno Olmi (The Tree of Wooden Clogs); Anthony Asquith award for original film music: Days of Reaven (Ennio Morricone).

- Best actress: Jane Fonda (The Best actress: Jane Fonda (The China Syndrome): supporting actress: Rachel Roberts (Yanks): best actor: Jack Lemmon (The China Syndrome): supporting actor: Robert Duvall (Apocalppse Now); most promising newcomer to leading film roles: Dennis Christopher (Breaking Away): Michael Balcon award for outstanding contribution to British cinema: Children's Film Foundation (Henry Geddes); academy's fellowship award: David Attenborough.

abley Conference Centre, Television: Best single play:
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Argent, Bob Spiers); programme!
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coverage: Last Night of the
Proms (Ian Engelmann); design:
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Hulke); best actor: Sir Alec
Guinness (Tinker, Tailor, Soldier,
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light entertainment performance: light entertainment performance: John Cleese (Fmitty Towers): writers award: John Mortimer: Richard Dimbleby award for most Richard Dimbleby award for most important countibution on screen in factual relevision: Alastair Burnet; Desmond Davis Award for outstanding creative contribution to television: Herbert Wise.

Rediffusion Star Awards (child-

ren's entertainment): Harlequit Award: (drama/light entertainment Award: (drama/light entertainment programme) Grange Hill (Anna Home/Roger Singleton Turner); Harlequin Award: (documentary/factual programme): The Book Touer (Anne Wood/lan Bolt); Flame of Knowledge Award: (schools programme up to "O" levell: How We used to Line (Richard Handford); Shell-Award for most effective contribution to understanding of trade and industry: Brian Clark (Teljord's Change). ment for the first time in more than 40 years today, with during the Franco regime for Socialists expected to gain con- illegal

A heavier than expected turnout in crisp, clear weather of the region's 4,300,000 voters was reported by election officials. The result is likely to be known early tomorrow.

Spain's Caralan's, weathlest and most industrialized ethnic group, chose from among more than 2,000 local candidates and a dozen parties to fill the 135-seat Parliament.

Opinion polls gave the Socialists, Spain's second largest party, 26 per cent of the vote; the Nationalists, 24 per cent the Nationalists, 24 per cent; and the Catalan Communist Party, 20 per cent. The Cen-trist party of Senor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, trailed with 11 per cent. Both Socialist and Communist leaders rejected reports they might form a post-election

The election was Spain's second to establish home rule in the provinces since the end of the Franco dictatorship in The Basques elected a Nationalist Government 10 days ago. Umiting Señor Suárez's party to only six seats out of the 60 in the Basque Parlia-

Barcelona, March 20.—Cata- Señor Juan Rey Aventos, aged lans voted for their own Parlia- 52, the Socialist leader, was ment for the first time in more imprisoned for three months illegal propaganda. He is a strong favourite to head the Catalan Government

Señor Jordi Pujol, leader of the Nationalists, has ruled out his party's participation in a local government, if it includes

Señor Suarez was being kept advised of the voting in Madrid after spending five days in Cata-lonia last week campaigning for

his party.
Palace officials said King
Juan Carlos, in the Netherlands
for an official visit, also was being kept informed.
In Madrid, an underground newsletter claimed Señor Suárez-was planning to shake up his Cabinet, implying that Socialists and perhaps Basque Nationalists-might join the central govern-

ment Señor Alfonso Guerra, step fur Socialist, went a step further and demanded a new government without Señor Suárez. Aides to the Prime Minister discounted an immediate shake-up and cited his national Parliament majority as the reserving in and cited his hational Far-liament majority as the reason. Spain's 57 million Catalans and two million Basques lost frome rule during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War won by General Franco. Both areas

French doctors defy the authorities and raise fees

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, March 20 French doctors are angry.
Last week, they expressed their discontent over the drawn out negotiations with the three national health funds by unilaterally raising their fees, frozen by the Government since last summer, from 40 francs (about £4.18 to 45 francs (about £4.70) for general practitioners and from 50 francs to 68 francs for specialists. French doctors are angry for specialists.

The chairman of the Confederation of French Medical Unions, whose members account for 40 to 45 per cent of all doctors in private practice, decla-red that the freezing of fees, which are a flat charge, was an intolerable pressure to force doctors to endorse an agreement along lines which they contend would threaten the exercise of liberal medecine and create a medicine for the rich and one for the poor.

The alm of the Government, working through the national health fund managers, is less embitious: it is merely to reduce the huge deficit of the health service by imposing restraints and controls on

The Minister of Health and the three national health fund managers reacted sharply to the fees from the beginning of this week. They have suspended have gone back on their decision. Doctors are divided on the course to follow.

One of the minority doctors' unions, the Federation of

and that the importance of accepting the rules of the Com-

munity would be realized.

Mr Walker told the House

that Britain was making a loss out of CAP of £1,170m and that

the only other loser was Germany at £228m.

could have been foreseen at the

time of entry of of renegotia-

by far the most adverse effect from the CAP and that was why

this country was demanding a substantial readjustment of the

budget. Mr Walker told the House

that he would be pursuing a policy by which those who pro-

met the cost of their disposal. Perhaps the most significant

change of position came from Mr Mason. Conveying to Mr

Walker the total support of the

House for his firm stand in

today held an emergency meet-

ing of ministers and senior advisors on combating terror-

ism, before starting a round of

consultations to designate a

Prime Minister to succeed Signor Francesco Cossiga, who

resigned last night.

By his actions, the 82-year-old

head of state personified stability in the face of the two

aspects of the Italian crisis. On

the one hand, the public has been alarmed by the three murders of magistrates by ter-

rorists in three days, which threatens to undermine the morale of the judiciary. The

President was told about the

From John Earle Rome, March 20

the unwanted surpluses

President Sandro Pertini by the commanders-in-chief of oday held an emergency meet the police and the carabinieri.

He denied that this position

Importance of

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Continued from page 1 would say to him 'accept the rules or quit the game' The European Commission, Mr Walker said, and all the other member countries were united in the view that the French were acting illegally and wrongly on the sheep meat He trusted that when the Commission made its announce

> Europe. Admiral Luther succeeds another West German, Lieuten-am-General Gerd Schmückle, who is retiring.—Reuter.

French doctors, whose members make up 12 to 15 per cent of practitioners, says it wishes to resume discussions and to reach agreement by the deadline of April 30. Its president has agreed in principle to proposals put by the government and health fund managers to set up a three-tier system of medical benefits, and to work out methods of reducing health

"The question is not whether one should set up a medicine for the rich and one for the poor, but we are attempting to preserve in France the medical service of a rich country", he

It seems likely that the managers of the three national health funds will agree to resume negotiations with the federation only, on the grounds that though a minority organizanational level. It would not be the first time that this has happened, as the appendix on practitioners' fees to the existing convention was signed by the fegeration alone.

The Confederation of French Medical Unions remains adamant. Its point of view, shared by the Gaullist party, is that it is up to the government and parliament to take the major decision of changing the bases of the national health system present one, it argues, has been in operation for 20 years, and made it possible to provide the bulk of the population with high

German admiral Nato command

Casteau, Belgium, March 20.

Admiral Günter Luther, the chief of staff of the West German Navy, has been appointed deputy supreme allied com-mander in Europe, Nato mili-tary command announced today. He comes immediately under General Bernard Rogers, of the United States Army, who is Nato's supreme commander in Europe and also commander of United States forces in ment on an interim injuction within the next week or so, M Chirac's advice would be taken



Bonn calls for urgent talks in E Germany

March Schmidt, Helmut German Chancellor, today urged Herr Erich Honecker, the East German communist leader, to meet him for talks " as soon as possible, in an effort to revive détente between the two Ger-

In a speech on the state of the nation, he told the Bonn Parliament that East and West Germans should seek to avoid confrontation in what was a dangerous situation in world

Herr Schmidt, who concen-trated on relations between the two German states, said West Germany did not want a return to the cold war. Bur he also repeated West German calls for Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and said it was up to Moscow to help restore international equilibrium and keep the way open for East-West cooperation.

Herr Schmidt's review of inter-German relations, annual event in the Bonn P ment, struck a generally conciliatory note, despite recent Soviet block criticism of Bonn's attitude to the Afghan crisis.

that relations between the two states would suffer if Bonn were swayed by Washington's present foreign policy. The East Ger-man leader, who was holding talks with a visiting West German communist, accused "im-perialist circles" in the United States of wanting to start a new cold war. But he also renewed East Germany's commitment to

Herr Schmidt noted in his speech that a meeting he was
to have held with Herr
Honecker early this year, had
been postponed. The meeting
"should in my view take place
as soon as possible in the German Democratic Republic", he

détente.

World politics" The Chancellor emphasized that Germans had a greater in terest in détente than any other people because they had to live

in a divided country. He said he had found understanding for Bonn's position during talks with President Carter earlier this month and meetings with other leaders who have included President Giscard d'Estaing and Mrs Thatcher.

It was still impossible to speak of good, or even normal relations between West and East Germany, he said, Essential freedoms were still denied to East Germans and "as long as there is a Wall and as long there is violence on the border across Germany we cannot say we are satisfied ".

Herr Schmidt steered clear of the pessimism voiced elsewhere in the West about the future of East-West relations. Despite indications that France is ques-tioning the prospects for a planned Madrid follow-up meet-Conference the Chancellor in sisted that the negotiations should go shead. "We want it to take place as planned in Yesterday Herr Honecker Madrid this autumn", he warned the Schmidt Government declared.

The conservative Opposition leader, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, who will challenge Herr Schmidt for the chancel-lorship in elections next October, replied with a strong attack on government handling of the Afghan crisis. He singled our a joint Franco-German statement in February which said that detents would not withstand another semback like the Soviet intervention. Soviet intervention.

Herr Strauss said amounted to telling the Soviet Union: "You are welcome to stay in Afghanistan. There will be no resulting change in the policy of détente." He added that West Germany should have stated clearly that i t would boycott the Moscow Olympics "The key task for us Ger-boycott the Moscow Comans... is to avoid confronta-"instead of triding tion on German territory in the dubious terminology."

Britain's EEC payment set at £1,140m Britain's net contribution to the EEC budget this year will amount to about £1,140m, well ahead of West Germany at the meeting in Dublin last November of the common to the contribution to the contribution to the EEC summit to about £1,140m, well and before the EEC summit to the contribution to the EEC summit to about £1,140m, well amount £1,140m,

figures drawn up by the European Commission.

They are close to predictions

by the Commission last autumn. France emerges as a marginal net contributor, while all other members except Britain make a

menters except britain make a net gain.

These new estimates will reinforce Mrs Thatcher's case that it is wrong that Britain, with the third lowest gross national product per capita in the EEC, about the relief by feether the control of the cont should be making by far the biggest net payments.
The European Commission

existing mechanism for refunding part of excess budget contributions coupled with in-creased EEC spending in

The new paper does not suggest how much financial relief Britain should get and is not a "formal" proposal in the sense demanded last week by the French Government. It remains to be seen therefore how far Brussels, he said there wash growing disillusionment with has also drawn up a new paper go in discussing the British schemes and developed the image of the Community on the British budget problem.

President Pertini plans a

The trade unions, conscious

that this is potentially a more dangerous crisis for Italian democracy than at any time

since the war, have also entered

the scene. On Tuesday, the eve

of the Government's resignation,

Lama, Signor Pierre Carniti, and

rapid round of political consul-

On the other hand, public rations between now and the

opinion is equally alarmed at end of the week. Then, early

the impotence of governments next week, he expectes to designate a candidate to form the has been 10 months, at their next Government. Indications inability to ensure an acceptance of the control of the carry next week, he expectes to designate a candidate to form the next Government. Indications are that this will be Signor

Italy is on a dangerous slalom President Pertini received for towards an obscure destination, consultations Signor Luciano

able life for many young people, Cossiga again.

and at the general atmosphere

The two aspects of the crisis

are different sides of the same coin. To quote the elder states-

man and former Senate Presi-

dent, Signor Cesare Merzagora,

riding on two skis, terrorism and corruption. It is a phase,

measures being taken to pre- and corruption. It is a phase, Signor Giorgio Benvenuto, resserve law and order at the he wrote in the newspaper La pectively secretaries of the

meeting, which was attended by Republica, which would norm three main trade union con-

of political corruption. .

The cost of the common agricultural policy will be drastically increased by the enlargement of the Community according to a study approved yesterday by the Comission.

This estimates that the entry to the EEC of Spain will increase expenditure on supporting olive oil growers. In a separate development, the Commission has sent

members a document on energy policy to be discussed at the next summit meeting. Among other ideas, it looks at the possibility of taxing imported oil to finance energy-saving schemes and develop alterna-

Terrorism and corruption worry Italian leader

Signor Cossiga, by the Ministers ally be described as pre-federations CGIL, CISL and of the Interior and Justice, and revolutionary. Today the three rejected a letter from Signor Cossiga, who wrote that all contacts between the unions and the state must be considered suspended during the Government crisis. The unions have in progress a num-ber of negotiations affecting civil servants, local government employees, hospital workers railwaymen and teachers.

In a joint telegram to Signor Cossiga, the three said this "unusual innovation" of blocking all negotiations was extremely grave. "We call the Government's attention to the risks of further uncontrollable disintegration and of an exacer bation of social tensions".

They asked Signor Cossiga to reconsider his attitude and to receive them urgently.

Syrian minister hints at foreign influence behind Muslim Brotherhood disturbances

Damascus, March 20
Mr Ahmed Iskander is used to dealing with faintly impertinent questions from foreign

As Syrian Minister of Infor-As Syrian Minister of Information and—for just six weeks
—a member of the Syrian
Baath Party's regional council,
he greets correspondents in his
sparsely furnished office and
hands his guests Arab coffee
from exquisitely hand-painted red and blue cups. His only indulgence is a box of fine long Cuben cigars which he gener-ously offers to visitors.

Lately, however, his audiences have become a little longer than usual and occasionally—just occasionally—his voice rises above the calm monotone and good humour which usually accompanies his explanation of

accompanies ms explanation of Syrian policy.

It happened today when he was asked, in an interview with The Times, why Syria's critics condemned the political power of the minority Alawite sect to whom his President belongs. Did this lie behind the recent distributes in Syria? disumbances in Syria? "Why", he asked, "is it that western diplomats and their

governments and the western press have taken such an interest in the internal Syrian situation since President Sadat of Egypt visited Jerusalem? The went on: "One of the founders of Syrian resistance again the French mandate was a Druze—but at that time, the colonial countries did not say we were sectarian.
"The chief of staff of our

sectarian Christian state. Even the founder of the Baath Party, Michel Aflaq was a Christian. So how can the Baath be sectarian?" Mr Iskander gently agreed that Mr Aflaq now lives

The suggestion that President Assad permitted the Alawites dominate Syrian politics clearly angered the minister.
"In the Baath Party" he said, "a member reaches a lead-

ing post through his qualifica-tions, his loyalty to the party and his sincerity—not through his sect. For a long time now, a citizen's sect has not appeared on his identity card." Asked how many Alawites are in the Syrian Cabinet, Mr Isk-ander replied: "Two". Asked

about a detailed study of Syrian politics by Mr Nikolans van Dam, a Dutch Foreign Ministry official, which suggests that Alawites hold a disproportionate amount of power in the Syrian Army, Mr Iskander said that the book-which was based on internal Baath Party documents -is misleading.

" Mr van Dam is friendly with the Americans." So who has been behind the disturbances in Aleppo, Homs and Hama?

Mr Iskander replied: "The people who have tried to instigate trouble, represent the Muslim Brotherhood and the remaining feudalists — those who owned lands but were in-

Army in the 1973 war against cluded in the agrarian reforms Israel was a Christian. Now he at the beginning of 1963—to-is our Ambassador in Paris— gerh with Syrian capillalists but you never said we were a who were affected by the nationalization laws."

But, asked if he could name the other nations which the President says are behind the Muslim Brothers, Mr. Iskander gave a curious reply: "Those enemies represented by the Muslim Brotherhood party and the feudalists are receiving financial support as well as arms and training from some parties which are linked with the United States. Some of the results of our investigation will be announced but in such a way that it will not harm Syria's

relations with these countries." The minister refused to identify these countries. There is, however, little doubt that he was referring to Jordan and possibly to some Palestinian groups—but not the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Other salient points in Mr Iskander's interview included the following: Syria intends to complete its military withdrawal from Lebanon "as quickly as possible". The decision is irrevocable.

 Syria intends to maintain god relations with the Iranian revolutionary government. It is helping to find a solution to the problem of the American hostages" in Tehran by keeping its representative on the international committee investigating the Shah's regime.

Syria had accepted Security Council resolution 338. If reso-

lunion 242 meets "securifixed and national rights.

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state on Palestinian soil will support the resoluti Camp David had bee standstill since its birth it neglected the rights of rinians and "failed to anyone except Israe Egypt ".

Mr Iskander outlined support for the Soriet and justified the Soriet tary intervention in Afgi on the ground that the Government had to def revolution from an threat. Was he mot about the strength of

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The revolution was the way to bring Afghania this century. We must and even handed when country—especially, the live in complex circum Mr Iskander wanted why the United States of the Soviet Union as a

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Lord Soames to visit Mozambique at invitation of President Machel

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, March 20
Lord Soames, Governor of
Rhodesia, is to visit Mozambique on Monday at the invitation of President Samora
Machel.

In addition to having talks with President Machel and Mr Joaquim Chissano, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lord Soames will go deep sea fishing off the Mozambique coast. He will return to Rhodesia on Tuesday. Lord Soames will be the most mportant member of the British Government

Mozambique since the Conservatives came to power last year and the visit will be used to express Britain's gratitude for the constructive role played by President Machel in the Rhodeslan settlement negotiations.
It is generally accepted in diplomatic circles that last year's Lancaster House conference probably would never have succeeded if it had not been for the behind-the-scenes diplomacy by the Mazambican President and in particular the influnce he had on Mr Mugabe,

Rhodesia leader of Zanu (PF) and the country's Prime Minister designate, who was based in Mozambique during the past four

In the event, however, President Machel was pleased with the way the election was conducted and also by Mr Mugabe's convincing victory. Last week Mr Honwana and Dr José Cabaco, the Mozambican Minister of Transport, who together have maintained close linison with Britain on the Rhodesian issue since last August's Com-monwealth Conference in Lusaks, went to London to thank the British Government for the success achieved in

Lord Soames's visit will symbolize the good relations that now exist between Conservative ruled Britain and Marxist Mozambique. During his stay he is expected to discuss future he is expected to discuss forure mainly from Western sources, relations between Britain and Britain will be pledging sub-Mozambique, particularly the stantial additional aid for question of aid. Mozambique

Mozambique was originally conveyed to Lord Soames some the Rhodesian problem by providing it with figureial and weeks before the election by technical assistance to help Mr Fernando Honware, Mozamrepair its war-battered economy.

Lord Sozmes and President
Machel are also expected to
discuss a number of issues bique's kaison representative in Salisbury. However, the visit did not take place then because Mozambique became seriously concerned that Lord Soames might ban Mr Mugabe's party from contesting the election. concerning relations between Mozambique and the new state of Zimbabwe. Principal among these will be the re-opening of the rail links between Rhodesia desia and the Mozambique ports of Beira and Massem. Martiail law ends: Lord Soames signed a proclamation today lifting martial law in Rhodesia less than a month before it becomes independent as Zimbabwe. The proclomation comes into effect tomorrow.-Reuter. British aid: Britain is to give 17m in rehabilitation aid to Zimbabwe, as an immediate contribution to the cost of reconstruction (Our Diplomatic same time the Overseas Deve-lopment Administration announced yesterday an national appeal to obtain other assistance for the new country.

Mr Mand to be free

Johannesburg, Marc The daughter of Mr Mandela, serving a life on charges of plotting today made an emotion for his release on the the twentieth anniversa Sharpville shootings, Miss Zindzi Mandela was joining the mount paign to free her far daughter, and membe younger generation. Miss Mandela was th tenced in 1954 to life being found guilty of p overthrow the South Government by revolut "I have never know is like to live with my she told students at th

sity of Witwatersran where Mr Mandela st Miss Mandels said: seen the anger of m mounting. But perhaps release of my fathe could be an alternative bloodbath."

A vigorous campaign Mandeta's release was by black leaders last coincide with the an of Sharpeville,

Conflict in models of autonomy

Continued from page 1 any part in future sutonomy negotiations.

In addition, I understand that the Cabinet is still hoping to move the whole of the Prime Minister's private office from West to East Jerusalem if suit-able premises can be found. The symbolic gesture of moving is across the "green line" was first mooted more than a year ago and shows no sign of being shelved, despite the recent in ternational condemnation of Israeli policy towards territory in the former Arab sector.

The full extent of the gap over the autonomy question was disclosed in January when both the Israeli and Egyptian Governments published radically different models for the aged for the 1.1m Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

and the Gaza Strip.

A senior Israel Covernment offical today confirmed that there had been no significant change in the separate autonomy proposals in the ensuing months, despite ministerial meetings in Tel Aviv and The Hague. The two models remain the basic positions of the governments on which a compromise will have to be found. Whereas Israel suggested that the autonomy council should have only 11 members and be strictly limited to an administrative role, the Egyptians proposed a type of Palestinian mini-parliament with between 80 and 100 members 80 and 100 members

Israeli sources maintain there is no chance at all of Mr Begin permitting the council to be granted law-making powers. The Israeli autonomy model was contained in a 26-page document which was greeted with considerable international scepticism when it was published. It contained a long list of "residual powers" the Israeli Government insisted should still be exercised by Israel

The most controversial of these is control over natural resources such as water, the single most precious commod-ity in the region, Others include foreign affairs and defence; internal security; Israeli inhabitants and settlements; energy; printing of stamps and cur-rency; radio, television and information; aerospace and territorial sea supervision; main international communications exchanges; internal telex and international mail; supervision of Israeli banking and insurance institutions in the territories: and representation of the loca banking system abroad.

Dr Kaunda rejoices at prospect of cooperating with Zimbabwe Dr. Kaunda is pragma

"If I could have danced, I would have done it then", President Kaunda of Zambia said when asked about his im-mediate reaction to the Rho-desian election results.

Dr Kaunda's joy is under-standable: since 1965, a year after Northern Rhodesia be-came Zambia, he has had to live with the nightmare of Southern The imposition of sanctions

against each other by the two Rhodesias was worse than cut-ting an umbilical cord. It was Zambia, rather than Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesia which bore the brunt of sanctions. Zambia had to change its order of economic priorities; later it bore the burden of refugees; and ultimately it was physically attacked, suffering loss of lives and the destruction of infrastructure.

"We have suffered for the

independence of Angola . . . of Mozambique, but not to the extent that we suffered for the independence of Zimbabwe", President Kaunda said. "Now we can look forward to better things, in terms of cooperation between our brothers in Already this cooperation is taking concrete shape. A sum-mit of the front-line states, called for April 1, promises to be a summit with a difference. Already an invitation has gone to Zimbabwe's new Government. For the first time since we bave been meeting we will discuss nothing but economic development and cooperation", President Kaunda said. "It's a fantastic feeling. It makes one feel good."

Dr Kaunda hesitated when asked about the role South Africa could play. He could not decide for the heads of state whether they would even dis-cuss, let alone decide, to ask South Africa to join in regional cooperation. He thought that South Africa's participation could lend that country a respectability it did not deserve. Besides, there was the pro-blem of South Africa's economic power. "We would be tying our-selves to the apron strings of a

Even economic cooperation with an independent Zimbabwe could cause problems. "They (the Zimbabweans) are much stronger than we are... They built have been supported by the control of the cooperation of t built their infrastructure at our expense (that is, with the revenue secruing to the old federation from Northern Rhodesia's copper belt).

And during the UDI period, he said, they had created a new manufacturing industry. Zambia could thus find her own industrial efforts frustrated if Zimbabwe-made goods flooded the market. On the other hand, it could not be denied that Zambia's economy was in the doldrums and that there were tremendous shortages of metremendous shortages of precisely the sorr of consumer items available from "down south".

A depends on President Kaunda's travelling plans whether he can attend the Zimbetween celebrations on 18 April. He postponed a trip to four countries in the Far East in March, thinking that independence would be attained then.

Now that the ceremonies are planned for April, he will have to see if he can rearrange his appointments agreeing appointments again.

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Mugabe's stance—that bouring countries cam themselves liable to African attacks.

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Stress can scare people to death

The old saying of a person being "scared to death" has acquired a ring of scientific truth. And it does not involve coronary thrombosis being precipitated by shock. Two American research workers have discovered that

By Peter Brock

acute stress can bring about lethal changes in the human heart muscle and that such changes closely resemble those found in laboratory animals exposed to frightening stimuli. The research was carried out by Dr Marilyn Cebelin, deputy coroner at Cuyahoga, Cleveland and another pathologist, Dr Charles Hirsch, who specializes in forensic medicine at Cin-cinnati University's medical

They carried out an exhaus-

in the Cleveland area between in the Cleveland area between 1950 and 1979. They had to study 497 cases which involved going through the autopsy records, police reports, microscope slides and hospital records. They found 15 cases the stress in animals. without a clearly identified cause of death.

Although the victims, whose ages ranged from one to 82 years, all suffered injuries, they were mostly cuts and bruises and were not in themselves of sufficient severity to cause

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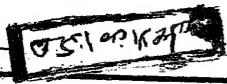
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Mr M. H. Burney, the Home Secretary, who is the ministry's senior civil servant, has just been brought from the backwater of Orissa state service, where he was consigned by the Janata Government after its victory in March, 1977. He Information Secretary under Mr V. C. Shukla during the emergency when the press

i, and distributors Mr Giani Singh in the inter-ment publications view declared: "There is no doubt that I am very close to the Gandhi family; frankly speaking my politics are linked with the politics of Indira and Sanjay Gandhi. If someone wants to survive in politics he must have some undfathers." must have some godfathers. When Mr Giani Singh said

Government under that Mr Sanjay Gandhi, now an that Mr Sanjay Gandhi, now an MP but holding no cabinet post, in May, 1977, formed was his patron, the magazine of several police in a and, resulted in reedings against Mrs the Prime Minister's younger. son on matters concerning the Home Ministry. "Sanjay has not taken much interest in my department. But his suggestions will be considered by me with due respect", the Minister replied.

Asked if he thought Mr Gandhi had the qualities of a good prime minister and national leader, Mr Giani Singh replied: "No doubt, Sanjay possesses good qualities. He has a vast knowledge about national and international affairs ". Mr and international affairs". Mr Singh, a farmer from the Punjab, was himself the subject of a Shah-type commission of inquiry into alleged abuses of power while he was Punjab's Congress. Chief Minister between 1971 and 1977.

Giving his views on how lead-

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Transfer is not punishment. We have brought in only those officers of whom we can depend for vigorous implementation of our programmes irrespective of whether or not they were part of the Government during the

"We have to implement our party's manifesto and naturally we can transfer those officers who, we helieve, may create hindrances ".

India Today commented that the American "spoils system" appeared to have replaced India's former neutral civil ser-

vice inherited from the British. Mrs Gandhi today ordered all central and state government departments to devise economic programmes specifically to aid the advancement of India's Harijans (formerly untouchables). In written instructions, the Prime Minister pointed out to officials that while the Harijans constitute 15 per cent of India's population of 630,000,000 they figured disproportionately in all the country's powerry in all the country's poverty

Most Harijans, she conceded, were living today below the official poverty line. Under a Planning Commission study pre-pared for the previous govern-ment that line was defined as receiving a daily average mini-rum intake of less than 2,400

The Prime Minister said the schemes must be oriented to help groups such as landless labourers, fishermen, artisans, weavers, and rickshaw pullers, all of whom are often Harijans, and their families. She recalled a promise to help such ing civil servants should groups, which she made in function and the many recent April, 1975.

Three Mile Island outcry over radioactive gas

From Michael Lespman New York, March 20

Hundreds of people who live near the Three Mile Island nuclear power station in Penasylvania protested noisily last night about plans to release radioactive krypton gas from The station into the atmosphere. in a chest X-ray. A much The release would be an smaller quantity of krypton was initial stage of an operation to released from an airlock last clean up excessive radiation week, provoking protests.

According to the company, clean up excessive radiation trapped in the plant, which has been out of action since a

serious and almost disastrous accident a year ago.

"Keep your krypton, keep your krypton", chanted the crowd, as officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission made a vain attempt to explain that the amount of radiation which people would pick up from the released gas would be infinitesimal.

We will never forget or torgive what you have put us through", cried one woman, "You are no more worthy than tinued for another 30 to 60 a hunk of cow manure." minutes, the core would have

a hunk of cow manure."

The planned gas release melted and large amounts of would be spread over 60 days. radiation could have been The commission will decide released.

next month whether to let Metropolitan Edison, which owns the plant, go ahead with

Experts say that the maximum dose of radiation anyone could pick up would be one-fifth of a millirem, compared with the 35 millirems sustained

the only alternative method of getting the gas out of the plant would be to build a container for it, which would take two years and would be costly. Many local residents, however, distrust the company and the commission because of the confusion and misinformation which emanated from both dur-ing the 11-day accident when the radioactive core of the

field. Mr Moundis retracted his

Mr Chapman's efforts since

the fall of the junta to induce the Greek Government to re-

open the investigation on account of the blanks left by the Moundis trial, have been

power station overheated and the position of ill-wishers and was damaged almost a year ago. According to a recent report,

Americans accused of germ war preparations

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 20

Dismissing American reports of a lethal accident involving bacteria weapons in the Soviet city of Sverdlovsk as newspaper "ravings", the Russians today accused the Americans of making open preparations for chemical and germ warfare. A Tass report from Washing-

A Tass report from Washington said that at a time of "chauvinistic and militaristic hysteria" which was being whipped up by the Carter Administration, the Pentagon was going ahead with "sinister designs" to produce and stockpile nerve gases, bacteria causing epidemics and other chemi-

cal weapons.
Tass said that the Pentagon was drawing on its wealth of experience in this field gained during the "dirty war" in Vietnam, and now was trying to enlist the support of the West European allies in carrying out plans that were dangerous for all mankind.

The accusation comes hard on the beels of American State Department reports that hun-dreds of people may have been killed in Sverdlovsk, in the Urals, after accidental exposure to stocks of deadly bacteriological weapons, Without mentioning Sverd-

lovsk by name, a Tass commen-tary today called the reports " another mulicious forgery " by The New York Times, and said that the article, first published in the West German Bildzeitung was an attempt to "pour oil into the flames of anti-Soviet hysteria now being fanned in the West".

The New York Times published these "ravings" because the West was trying to concert.

the West was trying to conceal its own unsavoury plans: When the newspaper raised a "provo-cative clamour" about Soviet use of toxic chemicals in Afghanistan the Pentagon im-mediately asked Congress for a large increase in spending to develop a new generation of chemical weapons.

Tass predicted that after the report of the "Urals incident" the Pentagon would ask for billions of dollars more to make bacteriological weapons.

However, the news agency did give a hint that there may have been an epidemic in a large Soviet city, giving rise to the reports. It said that anyone who knew anything about medicine knew that epidemics of various diseases broke out from time to time in various parts of the world. If all outbreaks of cholera,

If all outbreaks of cholera, plague, typhus or foot-and-mouth disease were attributed to "incidents" of the kind the Americans had suggested, then there was plenty of evidence that the West was preparing for bacteriological warfare.

"The point is how one looks at these things. The New York Times decided to look at it from the position of ill-wishers and

authorities had been notified of the Soviet view, which had emphasized the provocative nature of the campaign in the American mass media.



Political experts start to swallow their predictions

Learning to say President Reagan

From Patrick Brogan

They said it couldn't be done, and it couldn't. Congressman John Anderson, the fighting liberal from Illinois, came out from behind in the Republican presidential race, and challenged the champ, the charismatic but aging Ronald Reagan. Mr Anderson beat him in

Massachusetts, ran him close in Vermont, there was a prairie fire of enthusiasm across the country and they came face-to-face at last, on Tuesday, in Illinois. The experts said that Mr Anderson could never do it, and for once the experts were right. He is not going to sweep the country, he is not going to win the Republican nomination. I did a rough calculation of

his chances before the Illinois primary, adding together all the delegates he might possibly win before the convention. I gave him the benefit of the doubt in every case, giving him a fair share of the delegates in improbable places like Texas and Usah and throwing in all George Bush's delegates. It turned out that even if every-thing went right for him, he could win the nomination only if he carried California. In that state whoever wins

the Republican primary gets all the delegates-168 out of the 998 needed to win the nomina-Mr Ford by 65 to 34 per cent. Hoover.

If Mr Anderson could not carry Illinois, his home state, in the first flush of his campaign and at the height of his television popularity, then carry California. then he cannot There has been a great swal-

lowing of words among the ex-perts, who were so sure that Mr Reagan could not pull it off. The astonishing thing is that Republicans are behaving like Republicans. They had a num-ber of candidates, Messrs An-



derson, Baker, Bush and Ford, who had the qualifications for the job and a good chance of winning in November. They preferred an elderly actor who is good on television, because he has succeeded in persuad-ing everyone that he is the most conservative of them all.

Such fidelity is usually a recipe for defeat—but because of the economic situation and of the economic situation and Mr Carter's extraordinary in-epritude, Mr Reagan could quite possibly win, and the right wing of the Republican there for eight years and car- President it has mourned since ried the 1976 primary against the defeat of Mr Herbert

In previous years, it was often said that the Republicans chose right-wing candidates because only the faithful turned out in the caucuses and committee meetings that chose convention delegates. Furthermore, the low turnout in the primaries was also inclined to help the hardliners, because real, faithful Republicans tend to be much more conservative than the general population.

There are now 37 primaries, compared with 27 last time and many fewer in earlier years.
Furthermore, the turnout is far
higher (a third higher among
Republicans in Illinois, for example) and so is the turnout in the caucuses. So the old argument will not wash any more. Ronald Reagan

is the authentic choice of the

Republican Party, and journalists around Washington are therefore practising sentences with the phrase "President with the phrase "President Reagan" in them (as in "Presi dent Reagan today ordered the blockade of Cuba . . . ") just to see what they sound like. It is more than a little dis-

concerting. A senior reporter here remarked philosophically the other day that he remem-bered vividly how difficult it was to get used to writing "President Truman" in 1945. Doubtless we will all get used to it quickly enough, and just by paying close attention to what Mr Reagan has to say

US workers watching Los Angeles asbestos trial

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, March 20

At the age of 40, Mr Richard Hogard suffer from asthmathat is so severe that he maintains he has been unable to take up his job at the Long Beach naval shipyard for the last four years. He says that his breathing problem was caused by inhaling asbestos particles and that the manufacturer of the asbestos, the Johns Manville Corporation and five other makers of the fibre are responsible for his

Mr Hogard is suing the companies for negligence in not warning him of the dangers of their material and this week jury selection in the case begios in the Los Angeles Superior Court of Judge Earl

At first this might appear to be merely another David and Goliath battle, yet another of the thousands of cases in courts throughout the country of unthroughout the country of unpensation from employers.

But the progress and outcome of of Mr Hogard's case will be carefully watched by men and women throughout the United States who believe their health has been affected by exposure to asbestos—and by corporation presidents and armies of law-yers who face their day in court.

In Los Angeles alone there are more than 1,000 lawsuits of this kind awaiting trial—most of them against the Johns Manville Corporation and other aspessos makers. So great is the interest in the case that Judge Riley's court has been enlarged to accommodate the 13 lawyer's in the case, as well as the over-flow of spectators and interested parties.

It is now generally recognized in medical circles that people exposed to asbestos particles mostly used in the construction of ships, repairing and maintaining them—have developed severe, disabling lung and respiratory problems including asbestosis, an irreversible scarring of the lung, as well as many ... cases of faral lung cancer.

Mr Hogard is not seeking a specific amount of damages but asks for compensation for lost wages and injuries to his bealth. He and the multitude of others who have started actions (and in Los Angeles alone cases are being filed almost daily). allege that the asbestos manufacturers knew about the health hazards of the material as far back as 1938 but never warned people of those dangers. Johns Manville first put warning labels on its products in 1964 but other companies did not follow suit until 1972. Mr Fulton Haight, a lawyer

for the asbestos manufacturers. said that the company, codefendants and even plaintiff employees wanted to settle this first case before trying to settle or otherwise end the hundreds Any liability or damages : banded down by the jury could serve as a guide for other settlement offers.

Bank robber recalls case of British writer's murder ing Greece at the invitation of

duress.

unsuccessful.

From Mario Modiano Athens, March 20

An unidentified armed man who held up an Athens savings bank last night told the em-ployees he would return the money when the man convicted. s named as "an en-territoial rights and consultant" for the for the murder of Ann Chap-man, a London freelance jour-nalist, was set free. The man got away with the equivalent of £4,000, though the

cashier managed to sound the alarm. The police assume he must be the same man who carried out two other successful robberies in postal savings banks in central Athens recent months. Each time be recent months. Each time a would up the robbery with a smile and the phrase: "I will return the money when Moundis is set free."

that is believed to have he pizza trade via the a cheese industry, omplicated financial Nicos Moundis, who is 43 and a former prison warden, is serving a life sentence after being found guilty of the murder of Miss Chapman in the seaside Yew York last year insuburb of Kavouri in October, milk suppliers and anufacturers were said

Miss Chapman, who was visit. convict him.

Angered Jews could swing New York vote

From Our Own Correspondent New York, March 20 a London travel agency, was found strangled in an empty New York, March 20
President Carter's attempt to
win back New York's Jewish
voters foundered badly last
night when Mr Robert Strauss,
the chairman of his reelection
campaign, stalked out of a fundoriginal confession made to the police, which, he maintained, had been obtained under The victim's father, Mr Edward Chapman, of Purney, believes his daughter died during an interrogation by the Greek junta's security police which, he asserts; subsequently staged the killing. raising meeting of Jewish leaders after being constantly interrupted while speaking to

Although Mr Carter can now-hardly be defeated for the Democratic Party's nomination, his campaign managers are worried about the Jewish vote in next week's New York primary poll. Jewish voters could swing the primary to Senator Edward Kennedy if they note for him so masses. Mr Moundis's plea for a re-trial was rejected by the penal section of the Supreme Court in July, 1978, by four votes against three. The three judges filed a minority opinion which queried the evidence used to

they vote for him en masse
"I did not come here to put
up with you", Mr Strauss told
a rabbi at the meeting who had
sought to question him on the
President's Middle East policies, and in particular the vote-later reversed—for a United Nations resolution denouncing Israel's West Bank settlements.

London group canvasses for Mr Carter

By Ian Bradley A committee has been set up in London to canvass for the Carter-Mondale campaign among the 100,000 Americans living in Britain.

One of its members, Mr Stephen Lloyd, a lecturer at the London Business School, said it would be working specifically to persuade Democrats in Britain to register so that they could vote in the overseas primary election as well as in the presidential election. "Democrats Abroad"

have eight voting delegates with half a vote each and four alter-native delegates at the Democratic convention in New York in August. Seven of these dele-gates will be chosen by a postal ballor of all registered Democrats in country organizations by May 18, and the other five at a public meeting in London on June 7. A committee to support the

Kennedy or senator Edward Kennedy in Britain, formed at the end of last year, is also working actively along the same lines. candidacy of Senator Edward

Overseas primaries were introduced in 1976 for the 2.000.000 Americans estimated to be living outside the United States.

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ng, robbery and corruption are

still features of Saigon life in

cial Vietnamese news agency.

But Saigon has changed con-

You can move around in

siderably in the last five years,

Vietnamese Government could

PGI, the ousted Kampuchean

leader, claim to be carry-ing out a radical revolution.

according to the pamphlet.

Peking Foreign minister's first visit to Hongkong

From Richard Hughes Hongkong, March 20

agency and not the People's Bank of China is now Peking's main unofficial contact with Hongkong.

The first director of the Hongkong branch of the news agency, Mr Wang Kuan, met Mr Ruang at the airport on his arrival yesterday and, together with Sir Murray MacLehose, the governor, formally wished him farewell on his departure for Peking today.

Mr Huang has just finished a one-week tour of the Philip-The one-night stopover in Hongkong of Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese Foreign Minister, confirmed that New China news agency and not the Parising of one-week tour of the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore in an endeavour to improve relations with members of the Association of South-East Asian nations. He is the first communist

foreign minister to visit Hong-kong. In May, 1955, Mr Chou En-lai, who was the Prime Minister, stopped for one hour at the old Hongkong airport on his way to the Bandung con-ference in Indonesia. Sir Murray entertained Mr Huang to dinner at Government

House last night where he met senior government officials and

China frees American and gives him important work

Social Academy.

60, has become an adviser to the academy with a probable brief of making contact with fareign personalities, American sources said.

pamphlet says. It points to

achievements in education and

It says there is a favourable

consensus throughout Vietnam

'Let us take over', and when a sizable portion of the people

There is nothing like this

Vietnam, No group or

Hanoi, March 20.-Hunger, "You don't transform a society

1980, according to a pamphlet picture", most people in Saigon released in Hanoi by the offi- are behind the regime, the

the city, even after dark, with on the policies pursued by the

no more danger than you regime. As a result, Vietnam would in any American city", is a nation without a "political

Drug-peddling and prostitution are no longer flagrant.
Pood is still a problem, but nobody is dying of hunger."
The pamphlet says that Vietnamers a nation without a "political opposition when a party, a group, or an individual common forward to see the pamphlet says that the pamphlet says the p

ng out a radical revolution, personality can claim in good We didn't do that", it adds, faith to do better than the

have, in the manner of Mr Pol is ready to follow.

health.

prostitution, black marketeer- with machine guns."

He was the last westerner beld in a Chinese prison as a result of the Cultural Revolution, being released only three years ago. He was also the only foreigner to have had fairly foreigner to neve and close ties with the entourage of Mao Tse-tung and his wife Jiang Qing, who today is her-self in jail.

During the Cultural Revolution he seized control of Peking radio at the head of a Red Guard faction called the "combat corps for the thoughts of

Taiwan dissident blames police for causing riot

Taipei, March 20.—One of: Taiwan's leading political dis-sidents said today at his trial.... for sedicion that an anti-govern-ment riot last December could have been avoided if the police had not fired tear gas without warning into a crowd. Shih Ming-teh, aged 39, is

one of eight former executives; of the now banned political... magazine Formosa charged with: attempting to overthrow the-Government by illegal means, after the riot, in which 183, members of the security forces were injured.

He told the court a rally organized by Formosa in the southern city of Kaobsiung had been peaceful until the crowd of about 10,000 people was encircled by security forces. Mr Shib, general manager of Formosa who has spent nearly half his life in jail on sedition charges, said tear gas bombs were fired after negotiations with the authorities failed.

He said that the magazine, which frequently criticized the Government, was founded last August with the aim of establishing a base for legal opposition and an opposition party. He denied he was plotting with the others to overthrow the Government.

The president of the five-member tribunal hearing the case has announced that it will investigate several charges that

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Mr Thiounn Thioum, mer Rouge Finance told reporters. "In e we might even want Asean "-South-East. conomic grouping. He Khmer Rouge would Kampuchea to foreign

nt, including joint l ventures. hioung made his reic a news conference idressing the United Economic and Social ion for Asia and the

: he had told delegates ore than 40 countries Pol Pot, former Prime of the ousted regime, old free and fair elecnder United Nations ion following any Vietwithdrawal

Vietnam and the Soviet shich back the current enh government of Mr amrio, left the conferill during the Khmer

Warlord ousted in refugee fighting border said that Vietnamese returned will not be allowed to forces had not taken part in the stay on That territory.

From Neil Kelly Camp Reahou, Kampuches,

March 20 Something akin to civil war over the past two days has killed at least 26 people, wounded 50 and driven one of Kampuchea's border warlords from control of Camp Reahou, an encampment of 100,000 Kampucheans straddling the That border 175 miles east of Bangkok.

Ten children died in the fighting, which went on for several hours. More than 30 large grass and bamboo buildings were destroyed in the fighting and by fire later. Ten mutilated bodies were

displayed to visiting journalists in one building near camp headquarters which had been destroyed by fire. Three bodies of young men, shot through the head and bound as for execution, lay on the roadside inside Thailand about two miles from

the camp. Details of the fighting and of those taking part in it are confused. An independent foreign observer who was here vesterday said an explosion of five mortar bombs heralded automatic rifle fire and the sound of rocket-propelled

fighting, but Mr Wan Sarin, the anti-communist camp com-mander driven from the camp, said that Vietnamese mortars had fired into the camp from a distance of just over a mile

Mr Sarin said that left-wing Khoner Rouge forces had attacked the camp after Vietnamese mortar fire. The object of both attacks was to kill him. Some Kampucheans here said that a number of people in the camp had joined forces hostile to the right-wing "Free Khmer" on the border to oust Mr Sarin. They said he was hated for his dictatorial meth-

ods and his profiteering from foreign food aid. Mr Sarin was the most powerful of the "border warlords" and his overthrow will have imthe Vietnamese.

oday, as he sheltered in a That Army fire base about two miles from his old camp, he said he would be killed if the Thais forced him to return to

portant repercussions among all Campuchean forces resisting His own future is uncertain.

his old camp. Most of the tens of thou-sands of Kampucheans who fled from the camp during the fighting have returned there Thai army officers on the by tonight. Those who have not

The first signs of Thailand's tougher policy towards refug-ees are visible in this district. The Thais have in effect closed the border to all Kampucheans, even those trying to enter the huge holding centre of 112,000 refugees at Khao-i-Dang eight miles from the border.

Some 69 refugees who arrived at the holding centre in the past two days have been returned to the border and told they must not move into Thailand. When they protested on humanitarian grounds they were told by the Thai Army that they had to accept the situation.

One man who was kept under guard today while awaiting to be taken back to the border, said his wife was in the Khao-i-Dane camp. "She is just over there some-

where and I am not allowed to look for her." Money back: The Vietnamese supported Government of Kampuchea has issued a new currency, almost five years after money was abolished by the former Khmer Rouge regime, the Phnom Penh news agency SPK reported today. It gave no exchange rates against foreign

Peking, March 20. - An American who spent nine years in Chinese jails has just been given an important job in the Sciences Chinese

Mr Sidney Rittenberg, who Is

Mr Rittenberg, who left Peking this week for a stay of several months in the United States, has lived in China since

Man Tse-tung". This led to his the defendants' confessions arrest and imprisonment in were made under pressure.—

1968 after order was restored. Reuter.

Vietnam paints bright picture but admits hunger exists

In spite of "grumbling over changes in such and such an some aspects of the present area or in such and such a policy—but not a change of regime."

The pamphlet provides no information on the number of people undergoing reeducation camps, but says that "no, more humane policy could pos-sibly have been adopted for those guilty of "high treason crimes" punishable by death

People want and demand

or life imprisonment. We will tree these people when it is no longer dangerous to do so", the pamphlet says. It adds: "This has already

been done in many cases. Peking-Washington axis that Presse.

present Government is doing. hangs over our country is delaving their release." The pamphlet puts the number of "boat people" who left

the country between 1975 and 1980 at 350,000. " For Vietnam, those scaving. are still fellow countrymen and brothers, and we appeal to the international community to provide them with all necessar; help."

Concluding on an optimistic. note, the pamphlet states :-: Our people are hardworking and and alive to their responsibilities. Our party is experienced. When it makes mistakes it has the courage to criticize itself. "For those still in detention. That is part of its great determined their future depends on their strength. But it is not all up ... attitude, though also on the to us. It also depends on the situation in general. Clearly future of our international the threat of war from the relationships."-Agence France.

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Council's resolution on homelessness declared invalid

Attorney General, on the rela-tion of Tilley, v Wandsworth London Borough Council Refore Judge Mervyn Davies, sitting as a Chancery judge [Judgment delivered March 17]

A resolution passed by Wandsworth London Borough Council that assistance with housing accommodation be not provided under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1973, in cases where a decision had been reached that a family with young children were intentionally homeless was held to be ultra vires and invalid. and his Lordship granted a declaration accordingly. The action had been brought by the Attorney General on the relation of Mrs Tracey Tilley. a council member Tracey Tilley, a council manner and chairman of the council's social services committee between December, 1973, and March, 1978. Mr John Macdonald, QC. and Mr Andrew Bano for the plainiffs; Mr Michael Beloft for the council

HIS LORDSHIP said that the resolution was passed by the social services committee on July social services committee of July 4, 1979, and confirmed by the council on July 24. It read: "Where intentional homelessness had been determined by the council in respect of a family with young children, and subsequently an approach is made to the social services department, it be decided that assistance with alternative that assistance with alternative housing be not provided under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1963, although rounderation be given to the reception into care of the children should their circumstances so warrant it and that the whole matter be reviewed by the committee in three months time." No review in fact took place before the present action was started.

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Ackner and Air Justice O'Connor.

When a defence of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsi-

ny reason of diministrate responsi-bility is rejected and a verdict of murder is returned by a jury, the Court of Appeal has jurisdiction under section 3 of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, to substitute a conviction of manslaughter for the

jury's verdict.

Their Lordships so held when giving reasons for having quashed a verdict of murder, which had been returned on the trial of

heen returned on the trial of Arthur Edward Spratt, aged 54. at St. Alban's Crown Court (Mr Justice Molford Stevenson) in respect of the killing of Joan Irene Raughton, with whom he had been living. On compassionate grounds the court, on the hearing of the appeal on March 17, ordered the sppellant's immediate release since his life expectancy was very limited and in substitut-

was very limited and, in substitut-

ing a conviction of manslaughter, substituted such sentence as was

appropriate to have enabled his release to have been ordered. Section 3 provides "(1) This

Regina v Spratt

tion between those intentionally homeless and those who were homeless otherwise than inten-

The duty of a local authority with respect to the father of a family unintentionally homeless was to provide accommodation for him and his family, but in the case of the father (or mother) of a family intentionally homeless the duty was simply (a) to furnish advice and appropriate assistance (section 4 (2)) and (b) to secure that accommodation was made available for such period as the authority considered would give im a reasonable opportunity of himself acquiring accommodation (section 4(3)). An intentionally homeless family might thus be homeless family might thus be placed by the local authority in temporary accommodation, but once a reasonable opportunity had been given to find accommodation been given to find accommodation they could be evicted and would become homsless with no duty owed to them by the authority. His Lordship was satisfied that the council had had full regard to the code of guidance issued by the Secretary of State, as required by section 12. Section 1 of the Children Act, 1948 (which was being replaced by section 2 of the Child Care Act, 1980) imposed on a local authority a duty to re-

on a local authority a duty to re-ceive children into care when, ceive children into care when, inter alia, the parents were themselves prevented from providing proper accommodation.

Section 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1963 (to be replaced by section 1 of the new Act)—provided that "It shall be the duty of every local authority to make available such advice, guidance and assistance as may promote the welfare of children by diminishing the need to receive children or keep them in are under the Children Act, 1948 ... and any provisions made

that the jury must have been satisfied of facts which proved him aulity of the other offence. (2) The court may, instead of allowing or dismissing the appeal, substitute for the verdict found by

the jury a verdict of guilty of the other offence, and pass such sentence in substitution for the sentence passed at the trial as may be authorized . . . for the other offence.

offence...."
Mr Peter Taylor, QC, and Mr John Zieger for the appellant; Mr William Howard, QC, and Mr Colin Nicholls for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the wale issue for the tipur

that the sole issue for the jury was, whether the appellant was guilty of murder or whether he was guilty of manslaughter on the ground that at the time of the killing he was suffering from such an abnormality of minutaring from injury as substantially invaled his mansled the mansl

impaired his manual responsibility for his acts and ourissions in doing the killing.

The principal evidence for the

The principal evidence for the defence was given by a consultant psychiatrist who, having considered earlier medical reports, concluded that as a result of a motor accident in 1966 the appellant suffered serious brain damage resulting in epilepsy and

subsection may, if the local authority think lit. include provision for giving assistance in kind or, in exceptional circumstances, in cash." The purpose was to avoid the need to receive into care if the child's welfare would be better promoted by giving advice, guidance or assistance, which might in exceptional circumstances being way of cash.

Eash.

Before July, 1979. The council took the view that in an appropriate case assistance could be given by providing bed and breakfast accommodation for families intentionally homeless under section 1 of the 1963 Act, on the basis that there are a dury or discretion to there was a duty or discretion to make such assistance available in cash as might promote the wel-fare of the children by diminishing the need to receive them rann the need to receive them into by their remaining with their parents rather than being taken into care.

Mrs Tilley contended that the

resolution marked a change in the council's policy and that the new policy meant that the 1977 Act improperly influencing the administration of the Children Acts.
Mr Beloff submitted that a local

authority had no power under sec-tion 1 of the 1963 Act to provide assistance by way of housing or bed and breakfast accommodation. If that were right surprising con-sequences ensued, involving that the local authority had acted un-lawfully in the past and that the

resolution.

His Lordship did not accept Mr
Beloff's submission that "assistance in kind" must mean the provision of goods and services as
opposed to accommodation. Section 12 (2) of the National Assist-

appellant accordingly had responded to provocation, which he received on the evening of the

killing, in a grossly exaggerated way as a brain damaged immature individual would.

individual would.

The prosecution called in rebuttal Dr Manorama Mehar Singh Legha, then medical officer at Brixton prison. She considered the appellant's intellect to be normal, that he was not suffering from severe brain damage,; and she doubted whether he had ever so suffered, She was firmly of the view that he was not suffering from any abnormality of mind and, accordingly, his mental responsibility at the time of the killing was not diminished.

Subsequent events led the

killing was not diminished.
Subsequent events led the Director of Public Prosecutions to commission an independent medical report, which proved strongly critical of Dr Legha, who was apparently now suspended from duties. The prosecution no longer relied on her evidence and accepted that, at the time of the offence, the appellant was suffering from diminished responsibility.

Their Lordships, therefore, had

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concluded that the verdict of murder should be set aside on the ground that it was unsafe and

ance Act, 1948, defined "assist-ance in kind" as "including" and nor "meaning" the provision diminish the need to receive childommission in meet to receive children
ren into care, and since one
occasion on which such need
existed was when their parents had
no accommodation for them, one would suppose that the section was intended to allow the provision of accommodation for children. "Assistance" where it first appeared in the section was not

necessarily limited to "assistance in kind", even if those words did exclude "accommodation". In a child with its parents in accom-modation was within the local Briefly, Mr Macdonald's submission was that if a local authority might provide accom-modation under section 1 of the

modation under section 1 of the 1963 Act, then it was ultra vires for it to refuse accommodation for families who were intentionally homeless, particularly if the authority so decided while remain-ing ready to provide under the Act for other families. The resolu-tion it was said cut out one nomeless parents.

Having referred to Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesburg Corporation ([1948] I KB 223) and other authorities, cases under the 1963 Act without taking account of some of the considerations which it ought to

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The logical step was to have

substituted for the verdict of murder one of manslaughter. However, Mr Taylor had drawn attention to R v Deacon (1973)

attention to R v Deacon ([1973] 1 WLR 695), an authority which, at first sight, seemed to show that their Lordships had no power to take that course. The facts of that case were quite unusual. Having considered section 3 the court concluded that they had no power in substitute a verdict of manslaughter on the footing that that was the verdict which the jury must inevitably have reached had the case been tried in accordance with the law. In the words

ance with the law. In the words of Lord Widgery, giving the reserved Jadgment of the court, at p 699: "What is necessary is

at p 699: What is necessary as that the findings of the jury them-selves must establish the appro-priate facts to support the alter-

In the present case, however, the jury found, first, that the appellant did kill Mrs Naughton,

and, secondly, that he did so unlawfully. There never was any issue as to those matters. On those findings, the jury must have been satisfied of facts which proved the appellant guilty of mandagether.

The defective evidence of Dr Legha was not related to those findings and, if her evidence was expunged; the jury's satisfaction

manslaughter.

When considering a child whose parents were prevented from pro-viding proper accommodation the viding proper accommodation the local authority had a duty under the 1948 Act to receive the child-into care, and at the same time it must consider, pursuant to the 1963 Act, whether any assistance would bromore the child's welfare by diminishing the need to receive the child into care. Since "assistance "included "accommodation" it was plain that in perfect the child in the child in the child in the child into care. it was plain that in every case where, for whaterer reason, a family was without a home the local authority was obliged to consider whether the child's welconsider whether me child's waifare required that some attempt
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in many cases the interests of the
child would be better served by
being taken into care, but on
every occasion the question must
be asked where the authority, acting by its responsible officer, was ing by its responsible officer, was considering receiving into care a considering receiving into care a child of homeless parents. The resolution of July 4 meant that the question would not be asked and the resolution was therefore

invalid.

The local authority social services committee were likely to allow exceptions to the rule, but his Lordsbip did not think that it could be regarded as a mere statement of general policy. While the resolution stood, the committee would be much influenced by the policy it had laid down, so much so as to raise a doubt whether say decision reached could be said to be a fair decision. The mere existence of the resolution meant that in operating section 1 of the 1963 Airt there would be a differentiation between children according to the conduct of their parents. The plaintiffs' claim therefore succeeded and there would be a decision as aought.

with those facts remained unaffected. True, the jury made
further fludings, namely, that the
appellant had the necessary murderous intent and that he had
failed to establish the defence of
diminished responsibility, and
accordingly they did not bring in
a verdict of manslaughter.

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However, their Lordships had to consider, not the totality of the jury's finding, but only whether they must have been satisfied of sufficient facts to prove the appellant guilty of the other offence. Their Lordships were not substituting a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility"—there was no such verdict.

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In the present case the jury's findings justified manslaughter on the basis that they must have been satisfied of facts which proped that the homicide was neither justifiable nor excusable. The fact that they rejected the defence of diminished responsibility because of the defective medical evidence called by the prosecution was, accordingly, irrelevent.

Their Lordships, therefore, concluded that they had power to substitute a conviction of manslaughter and—although it was of

slanghter and—although it was of only academic interest in the present case—that it was right to

Solicitors: Mr John Hogan, Old Harlow: DPP.

exercise the power.

Mother's supplementary benefit case to go to Lords

envirement to benefit statutory requirements had to be compared with statutory resources rather them Supplementary Benefits Com- emittement Refore Mr Justice Woolf

A maintenance order made payable direct to a child in the care of the mother should not be taken into account when calculating the mother's entitlement to supplementary benefit. Mr Justice Woolf dismissed an appeal by the Supplementary Benefits Commission from a decision of Reading Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal which had allowed an appeal by Mrs Susan Juli of Andover. The method of calculation adopted by the commission had resulted in her receiving £6.70 less benefit a week.

The commission was granted acmal resources. His Lordship agreed with that approach, and accepted that where the statute specified situations where there had to be aggregation of statutors. than actual requirements with had to be aggregation of statutory requirements and resources of one person with those of another, then that must be done in order to calculate the For the commission it was submitted that the words motion mat the words where a person has to provide for the requirements of another person "referred to the question whether the person was legally obliged to provide for the requirements. The commission was granted leave to appeal direct to the House of Lords by the leaping. His Lordship had concluded that interpretation could not be cor-rect and was too narrow. The

procedure.

Paragraph 3(2) of Schedule I to the Supplementary Benefits Act. 1976, provides: "Where a person has no provide for the requirements of another person who is a member of the some household. of another person who is a mem-ber of the same household...

(a) the requirements of that other person may, and if he has not attained the age of 16 thall, be aggregated with, and treated as, those of the first mentioned per-son; and (b) where their require-ments are so aggregated, their resources shall be similarly aggregated."

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resources shall be similarly aggregated."

Mr Andrew Collins for the commission: Mrs Lindz Davies for Mrs Juli.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that Mrs Juli was, divorced and her former husband had been ordered to make periodical payments of £21 a week to her and £12 a week direct to the child, who lived with her. He had paid the child's order regularly, but had not paid anything on Mrs Juli's order, so that she had to have recourse to supple mentary benefit. The chimission, in assening her entitlement to benefit, took into account as part of her resource the £12 a week payable direct to the child. The result was that she received £5.78 less benefit than she would have received had the child's order not been taken into account. Substituting manslaughter verdict for murder conviction

received had the child's order not been taken into account.

Reading Supplementary Benefits Appeal Iributial dilowed her appeal and the commission now appealed to the High Court.

The answer to the question whether the maintenance paid direct to a child who lived with his mother had to be taken into account when calculating the mother's entitlement to supplementary benefit depended on the proper construction of paragraph \$1(2) of Schedole I to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976. Mr Collins said that in order to forepret the paragraph it was necessary to have regard to the structure of the Act as a whole, and that in order to find out the

wording of paragraph 3(2) had to be compared with sections 17 and 18 of the 1976 Act, which used the word " liable" expressly to word "liable" expressly to achieve the result which it was contended was intended to be achieved by paragraph 3(2). If the same result was intended his Lordahip would have expected the paragraph to read "where a person was liable to provide" rather than "has to provide".

Looking at the Act as a whole, the wording of paragraph 3(2) was designed to achieve the same result not only where the relationship was one of parent and child-but also a relationship, such as that between grandparent and child-bur-also a relationship, such as that between grandparent and grandchild in the same household where there was no legal liability to maintain. That appeared to have been the view of the commission: Handbook, paragraph 16. In the case of such relationships, although there would be no legal obligation to provide for a child, the person would have to provide for the child.

Mrs. Davies accepted.

provide for the child.

Afte Davies accepted that it would not be practical and that it could not he practical and that it could not have been intended that there should be a detailed investigation of, the facts in order to ascertain whether a case was one for aggregation under paragraph 3(2). The word "requirements." could not be given its ordinary meaning as, there could be an infinite variety in the requirements of individual children. She contended that "requirements as meant monetary requirements as tended that "requirements as specified by the person concerned in Schedule I to the Act. Thus in the normal case of a child, in order to rfind his requirements, one needed only to look to paragraph 7(c) of the Schedule which set out the appropriate sums as the 7(c) of the schedule which set out the appropriate sums as the requirements of differing persons according to age. Having found

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Tea smuggling ...

From Our Special Correspondent Belfast, March 21.—Partition meant for Ireland the establish-ment of a new industry which some would estimate as not the least profitable: that of smug-ling. Custom officials are always the first people the traveller from one territory to another meets. Now rather surprisingly the commodity for which they most eagerly search the visitors' luggage is rea. With the soaring cost of tea during the past mouths the Government of Eire decided on January 1 that as a measure to statistize the cost of living, especially that of the most important items of food, tea should be fixed at the price of 6s a pound for the better qualities. Tea Importers Ltd. a envertment sponsored bulk tea which will cost the Ltd. a government sponsored bulk buying agency, was authorized to sell at this level by drawing on the banks for an overdraft, In

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section applies on an appeal against conviction, where the appollant has been convicted of an offence and the jury could on the indictment have found him guilty of some other offence, and on the finding of the jury it appears to the Court of Appeal a marked personality deteriora-tion. He was performing at a borderline subnormal level—the level of a child of mine or 10 years of age—and his emotions were those of an immature child. The profile the consultant psychiatrist's evidence as to diminished responsibility had stood unchallenged, as it should have been, the jury would have £10,000 plus Appointments

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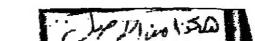
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250cc. But since this limit was ser in 1961 motorcycles have become steadily more powerful and a 250cc bike can travel up to 90 mph.

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The trouble is that, as with cars, cubic capacity by itself does not necessarily give the true picture of an engine's performance. It needs to be qualified by quoting brake horsepower as well. The advisory committee recommended limiting the power of the machine a learner can ride to 12 bhp, which is roughly the equivalent to 125cc and suggests a

top speed of 60 mph.

The second area of agreement to omerge from Mr Clarke's discussion was that there should be a limit on the number of provisional licences a learner driver may hold. At the moment a learner can renew his licence every 12 months and drive forever without taking a test. Although there are no figures, it seems a large number of riders do

Perhaps surprisingly, the advisory committee was against restricting provisional licences and another proposal designed to have a similar effect, a rising scale of fees for licence renewals. It argued that would always be people genuinely unable to take a test for instance through illness, within a prescribed time and saw danger of bureaucraric complications".

The fact remains, and advisory committee recognize this; that there is very little incentive to take a rest. A 17-year-old can get straight on to a 90 mph machine and as long as he does not carry an unqualified passenger

the freedom of the road is his. One reason given for not taking a test is the very long waiting list, an average of six months but much longer in some parts of the country such as greater London and the west Midlands. Mr Clarke is confident however, of being able to bring this waiting time down so that

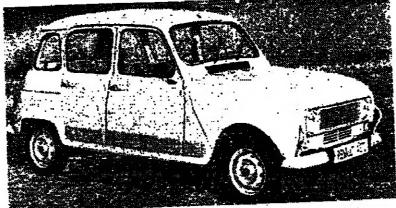
it would no longer offer any excuse.

A third, and possibly the most important issue that the Government must face, is that of training. According to the advisory committee, only 15 per cent of new riders undergo any form of training. And it recommended that unless this figure could be raised to 75 per cent within three years training should be compulsory. Compulsion has also been urged by, among others, the chief constable of Lincolnshire where motorcyle casualties are well above the national average. While declaring himself con-Clarke intimated this week that the Government would be thinking long and hard before going as far as compulsion. "We prefer voluntary methods wherever possible", he said. On the other hand, half of

which argues a high correlation between accidents and inexperience. There are two national training schemes for motorcycle riders. One has been operating since 1947 by the Royal Automobile Club, Courses are available at some 360 centres, including 70 schools.

motorcyle casualties are teenagers,

The other is the School Traffic Education Programme (STEP) launched in 1978 and financed by a levy on the sale of machines.



New life for a veteran-the Renault 4GTL

In this way the industry contributes some £450,000 a year to motorcycle training. STEP run more than 400 ourses, basic, intermediate and ivanced, and hopes by the middle courses. of this year to have expanded to all the major population centres so that tuition can be available nationally, without waiting, for every new

That being so, it would seem a simple move to make attendance at STEP course a condition of granting a provisional licence. New riders would at least be taught the basics of bandling a machine. The Governof handling a machine. The Government may be committed to persuasion rather than legislation, but if it is really serious about tackling what. Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, last week called a "horrifying" level of motorcycle casualities, crocodile tears may not be enough.

Road test: Renault 4GTL

To drive a Renault 4 is to enter an almost forgotten world of motoring, a time when gearsticks were on the facia, handbrakes were of the push-puil variety and ergonomics had not yet been invented. Ergonomics is the supposed science of having all the car's controls handily situated within reach of the driver's fingertips. The Renault 4 completely rejects such a notion and it would be difficult to conceive of switches and buttons more inconveniently

Yet the car has survived for some 19 years and should, during 1980, notch up its six millionth sale (comfortably ahead of the Mini, which had a two-year start). I suppose the secret of the Renault 4 is that it has a sort of timeless quality. Since there was no attempt at styling in the first place the shoebox shape

can hardly date, while the concept of a small, practical and economical load carrier has probably even more relevance now than vehicle was launched.

Only 12 feet long and very easy to park, the car offers accommodation for four (though with restricted legroom in the back) plus an unusually high load space, with the facility for folding down the back seat to take yet bigger items. With full length tailgate and four side doors, the car qualifies more as a small estate than the more modern idea of a batchback. Another characteristic of the R4

has been its excellent ride. Soft, long travel suspension shows a remarkable ability to soak upalbeit somewhat noisily—bumps on the road. The corollary is prunounced body roll when cornering though this is felt more by pas-sengers than the driver, and if the car may feel it is about to keel over, roadholding is most impressive. The GTL is a new version of the

R4, introduced in France two years ago and in Britain at the end of January. The main change is that the 845cc engine is replaced by 2 1108cc unit, which not only means better performance but, through higher gearing, even better fuel consumption and less noise.

The seats are far removed from the hammock style of the original 4. being cloth-covered and adjust-able in front for rake and reach. and plastic side strips have been fitted to protect the bodywork from minor knocks. The GTL costs £3,181. only £210 more than the \$45cc TL model, which continues, and it

seems from every point of view the One of the most striking improvements is the reduction in engine noise. The Renault 4 has not, to put it mildly, been one of the quietest cars on the road but the GTL is much more relaxed, even at near

its top speed of 75 mph. The gearing tells the story: the TL engine manages only 14.83 mph per 1,000 revs, the GTL 19.69. This helps to explain why fuel consumption is one-eighth better on

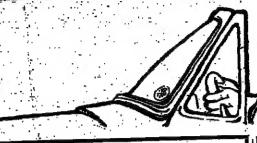
the latest version, the official government urban cycle figure being almost 45 mpg. That makes the GTL the most economical town car sold in Britain, though for some reason my own consumption, in mixed driving was rather higher at 38 mpg.

Performance is noticeably better as well, though the 0-60 acceleraseconds and top gear flexibility is modest until the car is travelling least 40 mph. There are other criticisms one could make-the heat. ing and ventilation system, for in-stance, is crude and ineffective—but there is no reason why the 4 should not go on for many more years.

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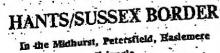
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Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Mrs Blargaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, confirmed at question time that in the last resort the Government would have to consider withholding VAT contributions if nothing was done about the United Kingdom contribution to the EEC budget.

Earlier Mr Michael Ancram (Eduburgh, South, C) had suggested that to correct the imhalance in the contributions to the EEC the Government should consider imposing a surcharge on United Kingdom oil supplies to the EEC countries until the account was in balance again.

Mcs Thatcher (Bornet, Finchley, C)—I do not think that would necessarily get the account in balance again. I would prefer to go about it in the orthodox way of genuinely trying to get an constable settlement on the budget question between nurselyes and our European partners. That will be our objective at the summit later this mouth. later this month.
Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the

Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—There are conflicting reports about Government policy on these budgetary matters. Is it the Prime Minister's inco-

Interest

go up if

need be

If it was necessary for interest rates to rise further then they would have to rise, Mr Nigel Law-ron, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said during question

Wishaw, Lah)—Had he and his fellow Treasury ministers had their way and introduced money bused control at an earlier date, bank profits would have been higher than the state of the state

than they are today. Would be confirm that the Green Paper on monetary control published today represents an abandonment by Treasury muisters of any serious

intention of poing on to a money based control?

Fir Lawson—The monetary control Green Paper does certainly evince a sceptical artifude to the merits of monetary based control. It is a

discussion document and we intend to an into these discussions in good faith to see what emerges.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East.

CI—If interest rates have to go up again would be have conversations with the businesses who have to pay higher interest rates with a riew to those categories having an easement of the rates?

her Lawson-I hope it will not be

per Lawson—I mape it will not be precessive for interest rates to 20 up again. Our priority is the battle against inflation, and if it is recessary, and I profoundly hope it will not be, for interest rates to rise further then they will have to

Fig. Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokeman on Treasury and economic affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—If he had not broken all his monetary rules and lent £1,500m to the clearing banks for the last few weeks, interest rates now would be over 20 per cent. Can he assure us that he will not follow the German example and rules interest rates further to protect the exchange

further to protect the exchange rate?

Face of the last part, that is not our policy nor do we need to do it. Sterling is strong because of the confidence in the Government's economic policies.

Air John Evans (Newton, Lah)— The current level of interest rates, helpful to the hanks, do not appear to be helpful to small husinesses.

Mr Lawson—The high inflation which would result if there had not

been a firm monetary policy, which involved regrettably for the time being high interest rates, would be far worse for small busi-

nersmen than the present level of

rates will

budget as a separate item or is she ready to enter into a compromize package which would involve lamb, lish o energy.

In particular, does she intend to maintain the price freeze on agri-cultural products that are in sur-These are the worries on which

Mirs Thatcher—I adhere to the phrase I used immediately after the Dublin sammit—that we are prepared to compromize but have little room for manoeuvre. In the last resort, we shall have to consider witholding our VAT contributions and let there be no doubt about that. As for the budget and a number of other matters we need of other matters we need to settle—fish, agricultural prices,

We simply must do so. It is our intention to stick to a price freeze on those products which are in surplus.

Mrs Thatcher—I answered that in the first question. I adhere strictly to the phrase I used after Dublin: there has to be a compromise but I these problems and will not wish me to so further.

Mr Cailaghan—As before Dublin, I did not press her on details, I do not wish to tie ber bands behind her hack now, but if Mrs Thatcher is still to command the support we have offered, it is important that we know where she is leading us. our Fergus Monigamery (Altrin-cham and Sale, C)—Has the Prime Minister seen the reported vote of the agriculture committee of the European Assembly to increase prices to the housewife by 31p in the 5.

what the view of the assembly is, it is no part of her policy to allow price rises like that? Mrs Thatcher-I have seen reports which are in surplus.

Mr Callaghan—I am obliged to Mrs that the committee approved a 7.9 per cent rise. I can certainly give Thatcher for clearing up a number the assurance Mr Montgomery issues. A number of differing seeks. We have no intention of reports have emerged. The House supporting any such figure or anyunanimously resolved on July 16

Sensible pay deals aid competitiveness

The policy of consciously depre-ciating the exchange rate had been tried at different times in the past and had not proven to be a con-spicuous success. Sir Geoffrey Howe Chancellor of the Exchequnowe Chanceuer of the Exchequer, said at question time.

Air Robert Sheldon | Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) — The easiest way to get the exchange rate down would be to get the Bank of England to self.

to get the Bank of England to sell to sell stering on the foreign exchanges. The reason the Government is not doing this is its fear that the money supply might locrease.

This is a high price to pay for the economic fear of the Government when one takes into account the agonies of British Industry in meeting commertion from chem. meeting competition from cheap imports and finding export mar-

Sir Geoffrey Howe (East Surrey, C)—During the period of the Labour Government when Mr Sheldon was a distinguished member of the Treasury team it was decided it was folly to continue Intervening in the way he has described. It was having the adverse effects on the money supply which he antici-

pares.

It must follow that if one interrenes in that way, however it
effects the exchange rate, the
money supply will be adversely
affected and so will the domestic
rate of inflation,
Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough C)—The borough, C)—The effective exchange rate now stends at 10 per exchange rate now stends at 10 per comb higher than it did before the devaluation of 1957 and 20 per cont bisher than it did in the mid-1970s. How quickly does he expect the productivity of British industry to restore the competitive halance? Sir Geoffrey Howe—I am not prepared to comment on the precise figures put by Mr Dorrell. It is as well to remember that at different well to remember that at different well to remember that at different periods in the past the exchange rate has been consciously depre-ciated in the pursuit of expanding opportunities. That has not as a

the important in the world in which we live and the conditions in which the British economy has to operate, with a petro-currency in hand, for those who bargain in British industry to recognize the importance of sensible pay bargaining as a factor in maintaining the competitiveness of British industry.

Mr Kenneth Woolmer (Batley and Morley, Lah)—One of the reasons for the high exchange rate is the growing revenues accruing from North Sea oil and gas. These grow-

It is about time the Government

set out a strategy for the next few years to ensure that these revenues are used to build up and recon-struct our industries and not destroy them. Sir Geaffrey Howe—It is sensible to recognize the importance of growing North Sea revenues in the halance of the economy. It is sen-sible not to be alarmist about them. There has been in the last few months a growth in manufac-

turing exports. The most important thing for people throughout British industry to understand is that they can do more than any government by the effectiveness of their working together to maintain and improve the competitiveness of British in-

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Bankruptcies inevitable

comfortable dislocation, one man-itestation of which was bankrupt-cles. Mr John Stiffen, Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, said. He was replying to Mr John Garrett (Norwich, South, Lab), for the Opposition, who had said that one result of the Government's fixation with restricting the growth of the money supply was an inevitable increase in bankruptcies, particularly among small firms.

dislocation, one manifestation of which is bankrupreies. That will happen however you set about reducing inflation. I do not deny that for one noment. I do not repudiate it. I do moment, I do not reputate it. I do
not rejude in it.

If one believes one will fight
inflation and if one is genuine
about it and will not run away at
the first uncomfortable moment one has to accept there are uncon fortable consequences and liv Mr Biffen said-I believe any

surplus it had inherited, and to see that Britain was a net benefi-ciary. Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food He moved a motion taking note of EEC documents on agricultural prices and markets, CAP economy

prices and markets, CAF economy measures, sheepmear and liquer wises. It supported the Government's intention on 1980-81 agricultural prices and the economies package to seek an agreement aimed at reducing the production of surpluses and the costs of the CAP. Agreement on changed or new policies on sheepmeat, structures and liquer wine would only be made if these were fully consistent with United Kingdom essential interests.

Mr Walker (Worcester, C)—said that last year they had achieved the lowest increase in common agricultural prices since Britzin joined the EEC. For the first time, a freeze had been achieved on milk and dairy products, major-ltems in surplus. For the first time, Britain had

ltems in surplus.

For the first time, Britain had come out of price-fixing as a net beneficiary, as opposed to the many previous agreements in which there had been substantial losses. In forthcoming negotiations, the Government would seek to ensure that Britain was again a net beneficiary and did not suffer the piling-on of a further deficit.

Last year, the Government had necotiated the first green pound devaluation. Since then, it had achieved two further devaluations. A British minister of agriculture was now able to come and start a debate by saying that British agriculture no longer had the disadvantage of positive monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) against it. This was a major change, due in part to the difference in the exchange rate and the three green pound devaluations, the benefit of which would primarily go through to British larmers' incomes during the 1980 calender year.

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larmers' incomes during the 1980 calender year.

The positive decision of the last Labour Government not to devalue the green pound, and to maintain a massive MCA disadvantage against British agriculture was a classic error. It was a mistake for which British agriculture was paying quite a considerable price. For two years, the positive MCA disadvantage never went below 24 per cent, and at times went above 40 per cent.

It created a situation in which a number of spheres of British agricultural production were at a massive adverse disadvantage.

Under the Labour Government, food prices increased by 120 per cent, of which 10, per cent was of production. It would take time, It would take time, It would take time, It would take time. It would take time areas of production. It would

due to the measures of the CAP. In order to pursue a green pound policy, that Government did immense damage to British agriculture.

There was a wide range of words and phrases being used by the EEC Commission and others which gave a rather distorted impression of what was being proposed in the pressent budget proposels. There was an impression that the proposals frowled great savings. This was not so.

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French told: Accept rules or quit game

which gave a rather distorted impression of what was being proposed in the present budget proposals. There was an impression that the proposals involved great savings. This was not so.

The current revised proposals of the Commission would show a total expenditure on the CAP of £7,153m, which was £4m higher than last year.

There was a myth going round that there was an \$20m units of accounts saving on last year. That was correct for the Government to pursue an overall adjustment on the budget which would compensate Britain for the adverse effects the was obtaining from the original proposals. was not a reality. It was a saving on the original proposals.

About 70 per cent of the enormous budget was involved in the problems of surpluses and disposing of those surpluses. The budget operated against countries like Britain which was basically an importing country instead of

Re had given to the Commons
EEC scrutiny committee figures
of the gainers and losers in terms
of the budget effects of the System.

Gainers, based on a projection Gainers, based on a projection of the current position of the CAP, would be Holland with a gain of £179m, Denmark £278m, France £265m, Ireland £255m, Italy £282m and Benelux £38m.

The only two losers would be Germany with a loss of £228m, and the United Kingdom with £1,170m.

Germany was perfectly happy to pay that price, partly because it could afford a sum such as £228m, and also because the operation of the system gave Germany a colossal trade advantage in foodstuffs and products.

The United Kingdom suffered by far the most adverse effect

by far the most adverse effect from the CAP. It is for this reason (he said) that the Government are quite rightly demanding a substantial re-adjustment in the budget.

They should pursue the princi-ple that those who produced unple that those who produced un-wanted surpluses met the cost of disposing of them.

There had been two meetings of the Council of Agriculture Ministers to discuss the latest pro-possis and there was an incredible disparity of view on virtually all the Commission's proposals.

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It was not a case of Britain having one view and all the others having another. Almost every country had a separate view of the proposals. The majority wanted a substantial increase in prices above what the Commission were proposing.

The French Government considered the budget contribution question should be linked with sheepmeat. Itsing and CAP prices. The UK Government made clear that fishing would be settled on fishing rights and aspects only and would have nothing to do with a trade-off of other aspects. On sheepmeat, the French had acted idegally not just for six months since the European Court decision but for two and a quarter yests.

A newspaper headline had said

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Accept the rules or quit the
game, Chirac says."

I would say to M Chirac (the
minister). I think it is a good
motto. I would say to him:

"Accept the rules or quit the
game."

The only country in Europe that
had not accepted the rules, that The only country in Europe that had not accepted the rules, that was acting illegally, the only government in the history of the Community that had decided to ignore fire decision of the European Court for more than six mosts, was France.

This was not an Anglo-French dispute. The Community in its rotality, the Commission and the other countries, took the view that the French were acting flegally and wrongly on this issue.

One or two commentators and

The other countries and the Commission had always made it clear they would be perfectly agreeable to a Community financed scheme based upon premium payments which would saleguard the position of French producers, but such a scheme would recognize that Britain produced 47 per cent of the sheepment in Europe.

The last Council of Ministers had told the French that they

had told the French that they premium scheme which did not premium scheme which did not undermine their producers and, if that was not enough, they could have public intervention in France if they wisbed to pay for it.

He would say to those commentators who had said that the British had been awkward and were trying to make it difficult for the Fredch, that that just was not true. He was pleased to have had the opportunity at the Paris agriculture show to say to the French media for the first time that British was not trying to undermine sheep producers in France.

The Commission had gone to the The Commision had gone to the court for an interim injunction. That would be announced within the next week or so. He trusted when it was announced that people would take the advice of M Chirac and realize it was important that any member of the Community accepted the rules of the Community and then abided by them. by them.

The Government was prepared

The Government was prepared to have a properly based Community sheepmeat regime which recognized the role of British sheepmeat producers on a fair and equitable basis. Britain would not be involved in paying compensation to countries for what they obtained by acting illegally. In terms of being Communitaire and European it was not Britain against France: it was eight countries of the Community against France, sithough Ireland benefitted from the illegal position of France. The other seven countries were in favour of a proper Community scheme and were united in condenuing Franch action.

The country was faced with a milk surplus of 17 to 20 per cent and there was no easy way o methods was to put a price freezon milk. But it had imitation in its effect on the surplus. I principle it must be better better the entered of the surplus of the principle it must be better better the entered consumption.

As for cereals, of all surpluse that were sensible in terms of foo production, they were the mo-sensible. In terms of security (supply, a surplus of cereals we preferable to a shortage. There was no need for the it crease in prices suggested by the Commission, particularly for har wheat and maize where the Community was unable to product what was required and levies has to be paid on imports. He hopei prices would be adjusted. There was no intention of eliminating the beef premium scheme unless there was some thing better available in terms of the security and confidence Britain's beef producers.

There were in the structural package some proposals that would benefit the pig meat industry, but there was no speedy likely hood of that package in its totality being agreed. There was no justification for substantial increases in the wine price, perticularly as wine was likely to go into substantial surplus again.

Britain was in for many weeks and months of difficult and tough

The importance to the British economy of retaining and improving the position of agriculture would be borne in mind. It was of fundamental importance to Britain, in terms of balance of payments, its good labour relations and its overall contribution in economic.

and social terms.

The Government's first desire and concern was to see that British agriculture continued to play an important part in the revival of the economy.

He did not see speedy changes available in the CAP. Our influence was a good one. Having a bad agricultural policy and supporting one was not being a good, European.

Britain getting the worst of all worlds from Community

these surpluses".

He said he was pleased the minister accepted the amendment. Mr Walker needed to be backed when we went to Brussels by the solid support of the House. The situation had worsened in the past two years to Britain's disadvantage and the more MPs could unite in giving him support the better.

The Labour Paster waste com-

The Labour Party were convinced in their belief that the Community must change radically. he present structure of the CAP

he present structure of the CAP could never satisfy Britain's needs and operated greatly against its consumers.

Membership of the Community had not brought with it many of the echiomic benefits which they had hoped. Withdrawal from the Community would bring great problems but it would also bring some benefits.

Withdrawal was not yet on the the cards. The Government, backed by the Opposition, should work hard for change. The most immediate and important problem withdrawal was not yet on the the cards. The Government, backed by the Opposition, should work hard for change. The most immediate and important problem was that of the unfairness of the Community hudget and particularly of the CAP. In another three years if there was no basic change the UK contribution was expected to rise to £1,500m—pearly £30 for

Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition spokesmah on agriculture, fisheries and food (Barnsley, Lab), moved an amendment calling on the Government "to press for a price freeze on milk and sugar, and, noting that these two commodities which are in structural surplus account for over half the total cost of the common agricultural policy, urges the Government to withhold agreement on any proposed settlement which does not include a plan to achieve a steady reduction in these surpluses."

He said he was pleased the structural problems. Revision of the CAP was all the more water now.

Farmers and farmworkers were

Farmers and farmworkers were appailed at the absurdities and inequities of the CAP. Food prices a British had risen to a level where the ywere now almost equal in those of British's wealther Common Market partners. It

The CAP was too much pro-ducer orientated and not suf-ficiently concerned with consumer One of the main sims was to stop the creation of food sur-pluses. More thought should be give into disposing of the sur-

Our own needy (he said) should benefit from the food mountains created.

France and of French ultra-heat-frence and of French ultra-heat-treated (UHT) milk to Britain were clearly related but they had far more to do the power of the European Court and Britain's right to determine its own policy than with British or French agri-culture

restricted access of British lamb hus would argue for a cut in New Zealand imports, irrespective of the damage to the New Zealand economy. The situation would lead to intervention buying and the prospect of a lamb mountain.

There was a social need for support of the French industry, but that must be given by the French. We should not have an operation (he said) in which the United Kingdom has to help to finance this. We must not have a new sheepmest regime within the Community which adds to our budge-

munity which adds to our budgetary problem.

The minister had so far resisted it, but they were afraid that gradually, as the pressure rose. Mr Walked might weaken and there might be an increase in the British budgetary contribution to introduce a new sheepmest retime. Mr Walker—I am nervous that what Mr Mason has said will be quoted by the French Government. There has never been a proposal of unrestricted access without a proper system of premium payments. Mr Mason said that it was likely during this year that the European Court would be pressed once more to rule that French. UHT milk should be admitted to Britale, but there would be solid opposition to the unrestricted entry of UHT milk—from trade unions, the Cooperative movement and the

Labour Party. Secause, under the Tory Government, milk prices had increased by 22 per cent and Britain had the dearest milk in the Common Market, the British market had become especially attractive.

tem. It would use the super-markets to threaten the existing delivery system and make people dependent on it. The delivery ser-vice would be ruined, with a loss of 50,000 jobs.

was there any proposal to con-tinue with the beef premium

This time they must make a stand on stopping creating sur-pluses and stopping price in-creases. They must force the reconstruction of the CAP. The United Kingdom should stand fast

ann-curopesa anger would not be quelled.

This time they wanted a price freeze on all products in structural surplus and a restructuring of the CAP which must begin with the objective of giving Britain's con-

somers and taxpayers a better deal.

It was more crucial than ever that Mr Walker succeeded and was seen to succeed. If he failed, and in his wake the Prime Ministerit could be the spark that exploded the chain reaction for the withdrawal of Britain from the EEC. Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C) said the future success of the EEC depended on countries obeying its laws and legislation. The time victoming rapidly when they would have to look carefully at the attitude of the French Government.

Retaliation was not a picsent word, but the French had to see common sense. Mr Walker should consider the position of the imports of French golden delicious apples which were heavily subsidered and were destroits.

apples which were heavily subsi-dized, and were destroying British

the EEC.

Re was concerned at noises being made by the Dairy Trade Federation and the NFU to stop or severely curtail supplies of New Zealand butter to the United King-

Bitter attacks on new immigration rules

The Government was offering a sop to the extrue right which like all other efforts of appea-ement only meant that further demands for restrictions would be made. Lard Avelury (L) said when he moved that the Statement of Choruse in Immidgration Euler, which has passed the Commons, should be discourage either House.

should be discopraced.

Without allowing either House to know what advice had been given by the law officers the Gorgeven by the law officers the Gorgeven by the law officers the Government of the Conference of given by the law officers in Government continued to seek parliamentary approval for proposals whose legality had been challenged frequently in debate. It denied that the rules relating to husbands and fiances were racist and claimed that the differences of treatment to be found in these measures did not amount to discrimination within the meaning of the European Convention on Human Richts. But this rention of Human Richts. But this mean little twist to the rules was again directed against people of

lady Birk (Lab), for the Opposi-tion, said the next step was repatrifrom, said the next step was reputition, the stimy stope which many in this country were now being encurraged to look forward to.

This was a nasty, shabby, sordid, shameful little measure. It made her feel ashemed. The Government must be invanely maschistic, no because the measure was economication.

he wondered how the Government could sustain such a weak proposi-tion—only to appease and placate its own extremists and more wretched supporters.

wretched supporters.

The Bishop of Bradford said these changes in the rules, though small, seemed to be an attack on immigrants' religion and culture. Britain could never have a happy society if she imposed niggling rules which cut away the pronswhich immigrants needed here and which were at best a sledgehammer to crack a few bad nuts or, at worse, an unworthy all zameau with dangerous elements of racial preju-

dice. Fart Fortesque (C) spoke of the danger to some Asian airls, who had lived here since birth, from parents willing to sell them for immigration purposes. immerated purposes.
Lord Barmby (C) edd he was
beenebt up in the Verterran era.
He had a pasqueate desire for the
purity of the British race and

recretted that there had been this inflow. He recognized that Jows and Huguenots and brought great adventage to this country but doubted whether comparable advantage was brought in by Negroes and many Asians. Lord Gardiner said a number of

these rules were contrary to the terms of the European Convention on Human Rights. If a country was party to an intermational treaty it was under a moral obligation to carry out its provisions.

carry out its provisions.

A lot of the difficulty came from the fact that Parliament had no control over immigration, it was all a matter for the Home Office. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) will a holler than thou attitude and tone did more harm to race relations than almost amphing else. There were reasonable people in this country who felt they had been immortant spectators of great changes in the homogenous nature of British acciety.

They had not particularly well.

They had not particularly well-comed these chappes, but with the good sense and toleration of the British people were prepared to accept them. However, what those reasonable people expected was that the Government should end persistent fears and relieve tra-sions by eliminating many of the conservery activated forms of eva-sion of immigration control Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said that in this rather promiscious age and with the advantages of easy divorce within two years it would

not be difficult on payment of an appropriate sum to find a willing and obliging young woman in this country who would marry a foreigner and even make a deal with him that the marriage was not consumpated. It would be a much cheaper, easier and safer way of entering this country than trying to smuggle over in a little boat. It would be an

onen door because it would not be difficult to find partners who for a sum would make this short mar-riage. Lord Ratch of Larby Lab) said Lady Hornshy-Smity seemed to have a much lower opinion of her own sex that most members on his ade of the House had. He saw no reason to suppose that Princh women would be any more liable to be bribed into the activities she had suggested than British men would.

Businessmen complain about

interest rates

The present high level of interest rates were partly a consequence of the level of inflation and partly a necessary instrument for bringing inflation down Mr Niget Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury said during questions. Mr Affred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) asked what representations had been received about the present effect of interest

Chancellor has received a number of representations in recent months on the effect of the current level of interest rates, in particular from businessmen and home owners.

Mr Dube—Are the present high rates of interest a consequence of or a contributor to the rate of inflation?

Mr Lawson—The present high level of interest rates are in part a consequence of the level of infla-tion and in part a necessary instru-ment for brining inflation down. This is a world-wide phenomenon.

Interest rates throughout the world have gone up just as much as in this country, since February, and the United States prime rate is 19 per cent, higher than ours. Mr Peter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West, C)—If the gen-eral rate of pay settlements next wouldness, west, Ci-li the gen-eral rate of pay settlements next year is half the rate of this year, that would be likely in he asso-ciated with a greatly reduced level of interest. Mr Lawson-He is right. As infla-

non comes down, interest rates will come down 190. Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lynn, Lab)—He seems to be in confusion whether high inverest rates are the cause or the consequence of inflation. Would be think it is just possible that like indexation, high interest rates are an institutionalization of inflation? Air Lewson—It is he who is confu-sed and deaf. At no time did I say interest rates were a cause of infla-

Mr Denril Darles, an Opposition he agree with the Governor of the Bark of England that we are unlikely to see a full in interest rates for many mouths and that until indicator falls there is not likely to be a fall in interest rates. Mr Lawson—The Governor was speaking before he had seen the contents of the Budget.

Causes of the rise in inflation

Inflation had doubled in less than a year, Mr Robert Farry (Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, Lah) pninted out during questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He had been told by Sir Geoffrey

Labour cheers.

Sir Geoffrey Howe—He should consider the extent to which the He had been told by Sir Geofrey Howe that the year-on-year in-crease in the retail price index up to February 1980 was 19.1 per cent. The figure (he went on) over states the underlying rate of inflation since it includes the once-for-all impact of the shift from direct to indirect taxation which I amounced in my Budget speech last year.

A better guide to changes in taxpayers' costs is the tax and price index which rose by 16.9 ner-cent in the same 12 months. (Labour interruptions.) Mr Parry—Is the Chancellor proud of doubling inflation in less than a year? Has he any positive plans to

on dearry now—he should consider the extent to which the rise in inflation is partly caused by the accelerating money supply growth rate we inherited from the last Government, and partly by rising energy costs throughout the world. world.

This is demonstrated by the fact that the average level of inflation in all OECD countries rose by 41 per cent in the last 12 months. Mr

equivalent to a £12,000m fiscal deflation. If that does not concern him, surely it should?

On the question of inflation, since he believes that Government increases in indirect tax or increases in public sector charges have no effect on the underlying rate of inflation, can we take it that we are going to have another dose of the same in the Budget next week—a further increase in indirect taxation and a further increase in public sector charges?

Sic Geoffers Howen-Fren at Mr. Sir Geoffrey Howe-Even at Mr Healey's request, I am not going to anticipate my Budget statement. Per cent in the last 12 months, Mr
Parry may have more confidence in
the polices of this Government
than the one that preceded it.

Mr Denis Hesley, chief Opposition
spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—
The 6 per cent increase in savings
ratio since his June Budget is

In the last Budget.

Monetary control being reestablished

Government's courageous decision to reduce top income tax rates, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during questions. Mr John Dormand (Easington, Lab) had asked when the Chancellor was gold to emerge from his unreal world and see what effect his policies were having. Reduced Income tax (he said)

was supposed to galvanise entre-preneur. There is no sign of that. Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redd'tch, C)-What progress is heling made in reducing the money supply as a result of high interest rates and is it private horrowing or Government, horrowing that is being so performed?

the measures introduced by the in the last four months, sterling M3 has grown at an annual rate of 10 per cent which represents a considerable slowing down on the considerable stowing down on the rate of growth we inherited. Other aggregates are growing no faster than that, MI has been falling. So there are encouraging signs that monetary control is being reestablished. Mr John Horant, an Opposition source affairs (Gateshead, West, Lab)—Why is the Government continually blaming the present consequence inflation on wage state are thements? It is clear the principal push to inflation in the last 12 ment,

months has been of the Govern-ment's own making following tax increases and other costs flowing from Government decisions. Sir Geoffrey Howe—The impact made on inflation by the once and for all change in the tax structure last June is of moderate import-ance and will fall out of the system come next June or July,
Perhaps the most powerful cause
of rising inflation is the high rate of monetacy growth we inherited.
A contributory factor in the shortrun is the level of wage settlements
be ond what the country can

afford.

Pay bergainers in the private and public sectors must understand the consequences of pay settlements that are unreasonable, will be a high and rising level of unemploy-

Threat to narrow-leaved pondweed According to the Nature Conserteristic flora and fauna of these

drainage posed a threat to the faura and flora of the Norfolk Broads, Mr Tom King, Minister of State for the Environment, said in would be examined by the Nature written reply.

Substantial examples of graving Mr King said the Council had marshland in each of the main advised him that one bird, the river valleys (he said) would need to be safeguarded in order to assist a dragoully, and three species of plant, the narrow-leaved visibility of the grazing marsh dykes which contain the character for ordered, the hollyweed and the

Conservancy Council.

nature reserves in the area and voluntary conservation bodies had others but these did not adequately protect the threatened species.

To do this resources would be.

needed for site safeguard and management, research studies specific to these species, and to ensure acceptable standards of water quality. He could not say what this would involve in financial terms.

If the import of UHT milk came it would be a chesp import, but only until it had destroyed the British household delivery system. It should the

Action was needed on the dairy industry and a price treeto was only the start. Last year Mr Walker managed to ratain the butter subsidy. There was no proposal for its communation. Neither

scheme.

The Opposition would oppose the ending of the variable beef premium. While maintaining adequate returns to farmers it ensured ressounds prices for the

United Kingtom should stend rast and be prepared, if necessary, to withold levies or VAT and apply vetoes or sanctions. If they did not, the withdrawai syndrome would be real and the wave of anti-European anger would not be quelled.

Agricultural show organizers ought to be displayed and promoted, when British lamb could not be promoted or sold in France. South, Lab) said the country's almost unique doorstep milk delivery system was threatened by the EEC.

Zealand nutter to the content and dom.

For Britain's sake, it should get out of the Common Market now, it should not waste another three or four years banging he head against the brick wall of the CAP.

Parliamentary notices

Usual for bank profits to rise when times are bad

It was important that bank profits should be high to meet demands made upon them, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor the Exchequer, said during a question on the representations he had received about his forthcoming budger.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingshire, Lab) said Barclays Bank had made an annual profit of £529m, some 42 per cent up on the previous year. wious year.
Will the Chancellor introduce a windfall tax (he asked) to give some benefit to the whole com-munity out of the excess profits made by the big banks and oil

made by the big banks and off companies?

This would be more humane than turning the clock back to the 1930s by stopping earnings related unemployment benefit and cutting the real value of other benefits, such as for the unemployed, sick and families with disabled children.

Sir Geoffrey Howe—I cannot amicioste my budger statement. Sir Geoffrey Mowe-1 cannot anticipate my budget statement, but he should know that the increase in profits of the banks substantially offsets real growth. By the time one has taken account of inflation and the fact that in times when other circumstances are when other circumstances are going badly it is usual for hank profits to be rising, it is important they should be high to meet the demands made upon them. Mr David Trippier (Rossendale, c)—Will be remember when pre-paring his hudget that those who suffer most from a high level of inflation are those on low earn-ings, as proved under the last Gov-ernment. We must honour our election piedge to serve all the

which we mean to fulfil.

Mr Deals Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Leeds, East, Lab)—Can he assure the House that he will not cheat on the Government's election promise to help families and to increase the will to work, and that he will increase child benefit in November by significantly over £1 a week.

Anything less would be disherent Anything less would be dishonest in relation to the undertaking which he gave when he tricked the British people into giving him a majority last May. Sir Geoffrey Howe-Even in that respect I cannor anticipate my budget statement, but neither before nor after it do I need any advice or guidance from him on cheating

Sir Geoffrey Howe-I am grateful for his reminder of the pledge which we meen to fulfil.

Mr Nigel Forman (Suiton, Carshalton, C)—Has he had any representations from the Child Payerry Action Group? I hope he will take note that both Conservative and Labour MPs understand and expect there to be a substantial increase in child benefit in his budget. Sir Geoffrey Howe-I can confirm that I have received represen-tations from the CPAG. I bave

Third reading The Social Secretary Bill was read the third time on Wednesday right by 300 votes to 253—Government majority, 47.

Budget next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will her Manday and Tuesday: Transport Bill, remaining stages.
Wednesday: Budger.
Thursday: Continuation of budger debate. debate.
Friday: Private member's motion
on the Brandt report.
The main business in the Lords
will be:

Will be: Monday and Tuesday: Education (No 2) Eill, report. Wednesday: Debate on forestry. Thursday: Cruminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Companies Bill, consideration of Com-

Restrictions on hospital adverts

The Department of Health and Social Security will shortly be sending health authorities a code of advertising standards for hospital broadcasting which will promibit the advertising of medicines, alcohol and tobacco, and which will surplement the IBA code of advertising standards and practices. Or Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health, announced in a written reply.

He said the Covernment did not oppose the inclusion of advirtising He said the Covernment did not oppose the inclusion of advirtising material in hospital broadcasts provided it was done with the agreement of the health authori-



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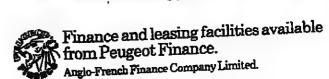
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Three survivors who can trouble Forest in semi-final round

Football Correspondent

For all of the stream of elated For all of the stream of elated dialogue that flowed between members of the Nottingham Forest party after their European Cup quarter-final round victory over Dynamo in East Berlin on Wednesday, the prematch comment of the manager Brian Clough, that it would be interesting to see how the interesting to see how the Germans reacted to an early goal. was still the most poignant. Forest scored after 16 minutes. and Dynamo were not able to re-cover, despite a period of authority early in the second half. The assistant manager, Peter Taylor, had no doubts who would n, as the teams embarked on a long and perishing walk across a car park, to reach the cheerless greyness of the stadium. He looked at the comparatively looked at the comparatively young Dynamo team and thought they had no spirit (he later described them as "zombies"). "If there had been a betting shop on the way, I would have put something on us then", he said. His premonition was accurate, for indeed Dynamo were disappoint.

indeed, Dynamo were disappointing in outlook, while Forest were as effective as they had been at any time since winning the trophy last year. Everyone connected with the match received the compliments of Mr Clough, even the Dynamo team whom he said were "very honest". He felt it was a "non-European match". He explained: European match ". He explained:
"Whenever I come across to the
Continent, there is slight cheating, but not for one second did
that happen ". He added that he
rould always be frightened by
"blinding skill", but he saw
none of that from Dynamo. Possibly he may see something nearer
that description from one of the
other three survivors, Real
Madrid, Hamburg or Ajas, in the
semi-final round for which the
draw is to be made tomorrow
evening.

evening.

The victory brought substantial relief to Forest, for although Mr. Clough said he had never thought of them as a "bad side", there were too many flaws in recent performances to give serious hope of recovering from a 1—0 home defeat, to win 3—1 in East Berlin, indisputably, the biggest success was Francis of whom Mr Clough

tous action early in the game, probably opened the way for Prancis to show his true value, as Prancis to show his true value, as a direct attacker and excellent finisher. He decided to let his marker Troppa, know that he would not easily be dissuaded from possession, with a bruising collision that softened the Germanical softened the Germani

man's resolve.

man's resolve.

Francis remains more introverted than his colleagues, both at Forest and in the England party, but his two goals this week and the compliments that followed will help him and both of his teams. Mr Clough remarked:

"My opinion of him has not changed one iota—we couldn't replace him for less than a million pounds, and we would need two players". Even so, he is likely to huy another forward before next season, particularly now that Forest will have another lucrative round and perhaps another final round and perhaps another final in Europe. At this elevated stage in the

competition, there are no weak opponents in the draw. Hamburg, who were involved in a keen tussie who were involved in a keen tussle with Hajduk Split, of Yuvoslavia, are the only remaining club not to have won the European Cup, but with Keegan determined to leave Germany with another Winner's Medal, they would make formudable opposition, despite Mr Taylor's none-too-serious baiting remark: "Now let's have a go at Hamburg and Keegan".

Marginally the most difficult the could be with Real Madrid, victors over Celtic on Wednesday, with a 3-2 aggregate win, thanks to a goal in the last five minutes by Juanito, and inspired by Cunningham. The final on May 28 will be held at their Bernabeu Stadium, where they are unbeaten in the

be held at their Bernabeu Stadium, where they are unbeated in the European Cup this season. Ajax, vastly experienced and still wisely guided by Krol, emphasized their strength. At home by beating Racing Strasbourg 4-0.:

Forest will have to continue their improvement if they are to beat any of these three, but as hundreds of cheering supporters waited in evil weather at East Midlands Airport to see the team return at 1.30 yesterday morning, the suspicion that Dynamo were not as good as first thought, was overwhelmed by this warming reaction to what was an inestimable performance.

How Brighton aim to fly high in first division

By John Nicholls
Brighton and Hove Albion announced yesterday that they intend to consolidate their presence in the First Division with three innovations for next season.

Mike Bamber, the chairman gave the interest of a presentation control. details of a sponsorship contract with British Caledonian that for the first year will be worth 250,000 to the club.

The team will carry their sponsors name on their shirts, except during matches that are televized and Brighton will now be adding their weight to the campaign by nther clubs to persuade the BBC to relax the rule against advertising. The shirts on which the name ing. The spirts on which the name appears will be completely different. Gone are the old vertical hine and white stripes, to be replaced by a new playing strip of

royal blue shirt, shorts and socks.
Alan Mullery, the Brighton manager, said that he hoped the new strip would belp to remove the club's old identity with the Third Division. He said they were a Firs Division club and intended to remain one for a long time to

The Goldstone Ground is also to receive a face-lift. As soon as the last game has been played in May, contractors will move in and onstruct new stands at each end of the pitch. Both stands will contain 3,000 seats and space for 7,000 standing. This will be followed by a cover over the east terrace and the eventual ground capacity will be 32,000. The development will cost \$2.5m to be velopment will cost £2.5m, to be obtained from a so far undisclosed

Exhausting 10 days ahead for Arsenal

By Stuart Jones A small green light was Arsenal's only fear during their fourney to the last four of the

Europeza Cup Winners' Cup. There was never any doubt about there was never any nount about the outcome against Göteborg but there were frightening doubts about whether the side would even be able to complete the task as their aircraft circled in preparation for an emergency landing on the side would be able to the side would be able to complete the task as their aircraft circled in preparation for an emergency landing on the side working.

Tuesday morning.
The light, indicating that the nosewheel was not in position, proved to be faulty. Arsenal's attitude was not. They arrived blowing trumpets of adventure, apparently ready to show Sweden

apparently ready to show Sweden that their awesome reputation was deserved. The sole aim, though, was to reach the next round. Their display, almost devoid of colour, was a cold as the wind whipping in from the west coast.

The Swedes were caught in a bewildering, dilemma. If they attempted to chip away at the four goal deficit, they would leave their already trail wall unguarded. If not, Arsenal would be content to keep possession and let time pass leisurely by. They settled for overall defeat with honour.

As long as the three main competitions are held in the cruel grip of winter, the Northern European, petitions are held in the cruel grip of winter, the Northern European, and particularly the Scandinavian, sides will struggle to survive. Snow and ice, their natural enemies, end their respective seasons and force them to fly south in search of match practice. Although Malmö reached the European Cup final last year, they did so significantly by meeting fellow Northerners from the Soviet Union, Dynamo Kiev, and Poland. Wisla Krakow, in the second and

third rounds. How would Arsenal fare, one wonders, against Göte-borg in July?
In the opening 15 minutes of Wednesday's freezing night, Arsenal were given one and made

another chance to build on their 5-1 lead. Stapleton and Brady 5—1 lead. Stapleton and Brady nussed them and, thereafter, little was seen of their gunfire. Only two shors from Vaessen, late in the second half, caused Olafsson to show his alarming labit of saving: everything at the second attempt. The goals, so eagerly awaited by the crowd, never came. Arsenal now join a cosmopolitan group in the semi-final round Juyeatus, who dismissed Rijecka, of Yugoslavia. 2—0 on aggregate, would seem the most difficult opposition. If they are paired together in tomocrow's draw, not only would it renew the chalry between England and Italy, especially in view of the forthcoming European championships, it would also give Roma a chance to renew their interest in Brady. Whomever fate brings out of

to renew their interest in Brady. Whomever fate brings out of the hat, Arsenal face a mentally and physically exhausting 10 days. On Wednesday, April 2, they are at Norwich. The following Saturday they entertain Southampton and then make the short trip to Tottenham on the Monday. All three league games against high-flying colleagues are crucial to their ambition of finishing near the top of the table. their ambition of finishing near the top of the table.
Without pausing for much breath, they then play the first leg of their European encounter on the Wednesday. To complete it all, they travel to Hillsborough on the Saturday for the FA Cup semi-fival against Liverpool. On those five results may depend Arsenal's

Results on Wednesday

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Two clubs who have grounds for improving

Two third division clabs, Millwall and Oxford United, were encouraged yesterday in their ambinious attempts to improve their grounds, Millwall have been given permission by Lewisham Council for their film redevelopment of The Den with Associated Dairies Oxford could be playing football in an American style in-door stadium in three years if plans before South Oxford District Council are approved.

Council are approved.

Milwall's chairman, Leonard Eppel, said yesterday that the scheme had still to be presented to the GLC in May but the granting of outline planning permission by Lewisham should substantially strengthen the planning application. "The greenlight by Lewisham was critical if the project was to have a real chance of going ahead. It is tremendously encouraging news and I hope we will obtain the full permission from the GLC who are the ultimate planners.", Mr Eppel said.

It is almost 12 months since It is almost 12 months since Millwall unveiled their plans with ASDA to transform The Den into one of the finest stadiums in Europe as well as providing extensive sports and leisure facilities and a superstore.

Oxford's chairman, Bill Reeves, yesterday unveiled a scheme for a £15m 67 acre complex incorporating the stadium on a site on the fringe of the city. It would include a superstore, hotel, a small hoat marina, public sports and leisure facilities and parking for

4,000 cars.

The 30,000 seat stadium would be partly sunk into the ground to lessen its visual impact and subject to FA approval it would have ject to FA approval it would have an Astroturi artificial playing surface. "This plan could put us into the first division". Mr Reevessaid. "Most clubs build their success on financial input and this project opens the stadium to all means of raising money. We are stymied on our Manor Road ground and we see this as our sulvation."

Suspensions are blow to Luton's hopes

Luton Town's faitering promotion hopes were dealt another blow yesterday. Their defenders, Saxby and Stephens, will both miss tomorrow's match at Queen's Park Rangers. They were suspended for one game by an FA disciplinary commission in London for reaching 20 penalty points. Luton have taken only two points from their last five fixtures. from their last five fixtures. Chesterfield, boping for promo-tion from the third division, will be without Green for their import-ant meeting with rivals Blackburn tomorrow. Green received a twomatch suspension for totalling 20 points. Paul. from the fourth division leaders. Waisall, was suspended for one match for reaching

Today's fixtures

Badminton

Battling Miss Bridge carries England flag into last eight

By Richard Streeton
Karen Bridge, the 19-year-old
Surrey girl, justified her seeding
at the Ail-England championships,
sponsored by John Player, when
at Wembley yesterday she reached
the fourth, round of the women's
singles. Miss Bridge was the only
English competitor to reach the
last eight in the singles. In a
match that confirmed her promise,
both ractically and in stroke play,
she heat Hiromi Ishida of Japan
11-7, 11-7

Miss Bridge meets another japanese, Yoshiko Yonekura, for a place in the semi-final rount. Miss Yonekura, best known in the past as a doubles player, has made past as a doubles player, has made enormous progress this season in singles. She won her country's national title and recently cap-tured both the Danish and Swedish open titles. Miss Bridge had to come from behind in both games against Miss Ishida. She retained her com-

posure, however, and by that of keeping her opponent on the move, forced her into errors at move, forced he crucial moments. Crucial moments.

In the second game Miss Bridge, who is fighting a heavy cold, was 3—7 down before she rightened her approach. She is not the game's most fluent mover but hit

game's most fluent mover but the accurately to a good length and was efficient at the net. Miss Ishida fought hard to the end and saved six match points before she finally succumbed.

Jane Webster (Suffolk), who is ranked above Miss Bridge on Findlesh liers was unable to find ranked above Miss Bridge on English lists, was unable to find any semblance of her best form against Hiroe Yuki of Japan and was defeated 11—5, 11—1. Miss Webster beat Miss Yuki to reach the semi-final round last year but this time could find no answer as the short, stocky Japanese woman hit with deadly power and varied her placements splendidly. Miss Yuki, aged 31, has won the women's title four times in the past and might yet surrorise her



Miss Bridge; had to tighten her approach.

women's title four times in the past and might yet surprise her younger rivals.

All the seeds took their scheduled places in the last eight of Swed Pri of Deinnark who wou this Lene Koppen, the Danish holder of the women's title, best Saily Leedbeater, an 18-year-aid Guernsey girl, who, had reached this stage with a bye and a walk over, by 11—1, 11—4. Kirsten Larsen, who on Weinnesday eliminated Gillian's Giftis, crushed the shuttle close to the net Pri and Wharjo Verawaty, the Judo on 15—7, 14—15, 15—10. He nesian seeded joint number one, also looked sharp, and dominant chose not to set at 14—14 and representative in the men's singles, saved two marti-put up a fine struggle against whung the game Svend Pri of Denmark who won game point. Pri i this title five years ago. With purd early on h Whethall, aged 33, and Pri aged pulled up to 10-3

Men's and women's results yesterda

early editions:

Perry is ruled out

Fifth win for Mrs Bay

with a fourth partner

The following results

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Cricket Mike Perry, Moseley's promising young fly half, will be out of action for the rest of the season

By John Hennessy

Linda Bayman won the Avia

women's foursomes golf tourna-

ment for the fifth time yesterday,

with her fourth different partner.

Maureen aMdill, of Ireland, who is the British champion. Given

that she is a member of the Berk-

Golf

Of benefit to Stuart Turner's

Cricket

Australia's Test hopes

rest on Bright Lahore, March 20.-Australia's hopes of squaring the three-match test series against Pokistan could rest largely on the shoulders of slow left arm spinner, Ray Bright. When the third Test resumes here lomorrow after today's rest day Pakistan will be chasing Australia's formidable first ingings score of 407 for seven declared.

Bright bowled only two overs when Pakistan began their reply esterday but still managed to prise out the opening batsman Tastim Arif as Pakistan reached 42 for one. Inhal Qasim, slow left arm, was Pakistan's most successful howler—he took four for 90 off 30 overs—and Bright is likely to be given a long bowl tomorrow. Liliee is still looking for his first wicket of the series. Pakistan lead 1—0. They beat Australia by seven wickets in Karachi and drew the second Test in Faisslabad. the second Test in Faisalabad .-

Three-match tour

Downton given permission to leave Kent

Kent's reserve wicketkeeper. Paul Downton, has been given permission to move to another county if he so desires. This follows the news that the former England wicketkeeper, Alan Knott, had signed a new four year contract with the county.

Downton who toured Pakistan and New Zealand in 1977-78 was also offered a four year contract signed. also offered a four year contract and he said yesterday "that offer still stands and I shall consider it together with any other offers I

together with any other offers I may receive.

"I shall be speaking to both Sussex and Middlesex, who have officially approached Kent and to any other counties who now may become interested. I finish my law degree studies at Exeter University in the middle of June." He added: "Kent have said that although I am under contract to them until the end of this season they would consider a request for an earlier release. so that I could move to a new county

Sue Cogswell, Britain's top wemen's squash player from War-wickshire, will lead a national learn of five in a three match tour of Australia in the summer. The other players are Jayne Ashton (Warwickshire). Alison Cummlings (Surrey), Barbara Diggens (Sussex) and Lesley Moore (Nottinglamshire). The England junior squash team

of David Thomas (Middlesex). Earry Watkins (Lancashire), Chris Willstrop (Yorkshire) and Danie Lee (Surrey) complete their build up for the world junior champion-salps with a match against New Caland at Wembley on Monday.

that I could move to a new county in mid-June."

Miss Wickham loses

Melbourne, March 20.—The New South Wales swimmer, Michelle Ford, caused the first upger of the Australian championships and Olympic selection trials here toolympic selection trais nere tonight by beating the Australian
world record holder, Traccy Wickham, in the women's 800 merres
freestyle final. Her time of eight
minutes 43.37 seconds was almost
30 seconds outside Miss Wickham's
world record and 13 seconds outside the Australian record.—Reuter

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Rugby Union

Home unions may revise their attitude to the 'sin-bin'

Echoes of this season's bitterly contested game between England and Wales will be detected in Edinburgh today, when the International Board makes known the findings of its various meetings this week. In the aftermath of the Twickenham match, which did nothing to enhance the image of the game, board representatives are under pressure to antonnes what steps they have taken to remove the steam from such potentially explosive situations.

The pile-up will be a main focus

taily explosive situations.

The pile-up will be a main focus of attention again and the question of whether the northern hemisphere unions have changed their lukewarm attitude to the use of the "sin bin" for offenders will need to be answered. Loss year's board meeting agreed that member unions should be given permission to experiment with the

Scotland's stirring performance against England in Edinburgh should not be allowed to obscure the main issue. The facts are that Scotland lost and once again finished the season at the foot of the table, albeit on this occasion only marginally behind France on

table, albeit on this occasion only marginally behind France on points difference. A Scottish side which started out hopeful enough to talk of an almost forgotten Triple Crown (no one dared mention a Grand Slam) suffered three defeats in four games; four in five if the international against New Zealand is included.

New Zealand is included.

Last season brought only draws against Ireland and England at Twickenham when the English felt they were a little unlucky, and the win against a ragged French side this year at Murrayfield might be described as freaklish. Nor was Scotland's record on the rugby field any better in more distant times. Against Wales, the Scots have lost 15 times since 1960: against England and France in the same period they have lost more than

period they have lost more than they have won. The Irish alone are fractionally behind, having won nine games to Scotland's 10

Looking back over five seasons Scotland's record in the home international championship is

Total 4 2 14 10

It must be said that few of the defeats have been heavy; the Scots have often failed by the

odd try or penalty goal. At the end of the day, however, it is the result which goes into the record book and this particular book does not make good reading for Scottish players, administrators or supporters.

Since the war Scotland have twice had spells of several seas-

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in the past two decades.

temperary suspension idea, to give players a chance to cool off. But only Australia and South Africa showed much interest and the four home unions gave the whole notion the cold shoulder.

Wales, who bore the brunt of the post-match inquest, were also under attack for alleged illegalities in their previous match, against France. The French president, Albert Ferrasse, was due to chair this year's meeting, in only the second year of French membership of the board, Another the second year of French mem-bership of the board. Another issue the board need to clarify is whether paid officials should be able to select and coach national

sides.

There appears to be an anomoly, whereby South Africa will have two paid coaching organizers on their Lions Test series selection panel, while Wales's John Dawes

disappointed at not being selected for this summer's Lious tour of South Africa, received some consolation yesterday when the Welsh Rugby Union announced their centenary party to tour North America and Canada in May. Wheel has been selected as vice-captain for the five-match tour, Wales open their tour on May 10 against the United States in Los.

Angeles, move on to Bellingham, Washington, to meet a Regional XV four days later and then travel to Canada to play British Columbia. a representative side, and then the Canadian national team in Vancouver. Rod Morgan, the chairman of selectors, will be appropriated and control of the Live and control of the chairman of selectors. manager and John Lloyd assistant msuager and John Lloyd assistant manager and coach.

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from, that in Wales rugby is a way of life. That is so, but in

way of the. That is so, our in England rugby is no more popular than it is in Scotland, with soccer the number one game: the power of Weish rugby is confined to the South; and what of Ireland, where rugby has to take its place with soccer, hurling and Gaelic foot-ball?

top players gravitating to Gala and Hawick. The standard in the average Border side is not always all that high. Add the fact that all seven Borders clubs invariably

are locked in battle for the first

or second division titles, or strug-gling to avoid relegation from the first division and it will be seen that there are limits to what Scotland's selectors can expect. Nor is there too much hope for the impredicts of the property of

the immediate future. Many of the national side's competent

shire and knows every hook and cranny of both Red and Blue courses, it is a record of cosmopolitan schlevement stretching back to 1969. Her first partner was Corinne Reybroack of Belgium (1969 - and 1971). her second Michelle Walker of England (1973) and her third Aane Sander of the United States (last year). Mirs Bayman and Miss Madill, starting the day three strokes behind the Joint leaders. Angels: Uzielii with Sally Barber and Viviez Saunders with Janet Melville, bad two final rounds of 79 and 72 for a 63-holes total of 266. Mary McKenna, another Irishwoman, and Tegwen Thomas, of Wales, finished on 288 (75 and 79 yesterday), Mirs Uzielii and Mrs Barber on 270 (81 and 78) and Miss Saunders and Miss Melville on 272 (80 and 81).

Conditions were much better, yesterday, the two course having made a splendid recovery from the ravages of the recent weather. The sun shone and, if there was a birter wind. Lake Placid protective clothing proved sufficient for the purpose. There was, surprisingly, little rain left on the course. More than a trickle of new blood is needed to revive national fortunes Scottish strongholds have been undermined

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All omens, except wea in favour of Cambridg

soccer, hurling and Gaelic football?

To an extent the answer to the Scottish problem is that the best available team is not always chosen. It has been said with more than a grain of truth that if one plays for the "right" club it is harder to get out of the nathonal side than to get in it. Yet that is the trite explanation. I believe there is a deeper problem. Traditionally rugby's strongholds in Scotland have been in the public schools (mainly in Edinburgh) and in the Borders. Now with the opening of most of the former pupil sides to all-comers some of the old spirit has gone. This is reflected in club matches where Scottish sides are often on the receiving end.

There is still the same dedication to the game in the Borders, but with only a trickle of fresh blood coming in and most of the top players gravitating to Gala and Hawick the standard in the By Peter Ryde The 91st golf match between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge begins today at Royal Liverpool with the playing of five 35-hole foursomes. Nothing has happened in the last month has happened in the last month to dislodge Cambridge as favourites. Indeed, in the past week, the omens have become even more propitious for them.

Their second team, the Stymies, overwhelmed the Divots 141—1, the Blues team beat the host clublast weekend whereas Oxford lost narrowly to them the following day, and yesterday Cambridge made a clean sweep of the dinner match, winning all three points. Altogether Cambridge have scored more than a dozen victories

more than a dozen victories through the year and their oppo-nents will have to produce some-thing very special if they are to thing very special if they are to-upset expectations. Last year they did just that, and Cambridge will-be specially concerned not to allow them to draw right away in the foursomes as they did then. The old course has suffered severe waterlogging during one of the wettest winters of the cen-tury so much so that the next the wettest winters of the cen-tury, so much so that the possi-bility of transferring the match to Wallasey was seriously enter-tained. But after an unpleasant start to the frugsomes verturgly corning, conditions improved. Even so, water lies in several of the bunkers and captains have

agreed to clean and i on the fairways. In the ball may be dresand without penalty players will not risk i wrath of the Royal; as happened in 1927, agreed to drop out of bunkers without per During the frustra equinoctial week, cordrawn from the trust the past. So bad was at Sandwich in 1898 the bridge man. D. F.

Laidlaw : one of Scottish rugby's brighter lights.

ons without a win. Since 1947, when official internationals were with utilical interrationals were resumed, their record against every international Board country except Australia is exceptionally poor. Even Ireland, whose failures usually outnumber successes, can point to a considerable number of victories over the Scots, including 12 in one 13 year period.

The last time Scotland won the The last time Scotland won the Triple Crown was in 1938, a year when they had no opportunity to win the Grand Slam as well; France did not compete during most of the 1930s. Immediately after the war, there was an excellent side in action. In 1946, Scotland beat Wales twice and

England, Ireland and the New Zaalanders once each. One game only was lost, to England. It is surprising that, with all the disappointments. Murray-field it still full and that the national side takes such support national side texes such support with it on its travels. Let there be no doubt, if the International Board divided its members into two leagues of four countries Scotland would have not only a second permanent place in the second division but as often as not would be last in the ranking. (West of Scotland) among them. How pleasant it would be not to have to criticis—but, sadly, a few will not be enough.

There is a flourishing league system at home, an adequate flow of sponsorship funds and a number of talanted players. It is all very well to say that England

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made little secret of the high regard in which he held Chant, its runner in the French Gate Maiden Stakes. But most people had discarded his well-bred coir's chances as he was drawn one against the far rails. In the event Greville Starkey was able to ride an extremely confident race, sprinting clear below the distance to win by five lengths from Optimate, who was racing under the stand rails.

Harwood trains the winner for Commander James Barttelat, who commander James Bartelat, who bred Chant at his home in Sussex. By a strange twist of fate, both Optimate and Chant were put up for auction at the Newmarket Houghton Sales in 1978. Optimate fetched 29,000 guineas, but Chant failed to reach his reserve. Susan Piggott offered to him the wearling but Commander buy the yearling, but Commander Barttelat decided to put the colt in training with yesterday's happy result. "Chant is not entered in the classics", said Harwood. "But I'm tempted to run him in either the 2,000 Guineas Trial at Salisbury, or the Greenham Stakes at Newbury. He's a decent sort of horse and is sure to stay a mile."

The next race on the straight track was the most valuable event, the five-furlong Yorkshire Bottle Handicap. Victory went to Pat Eddery on Renovate, drawn sixth. who just managed to withstand the late attack of the 4-1 favourite, Ferriby Hall, who challenged on



Pat Eddery on Renovate (left) winning the Yorkshire Bottle Handicap at Doncaster.

the opposite side of the track, ticularly by Bruce Hobbs for Renovate is trained by Jack Hardy, "This is such a tough little colt", said the Nottingham-shire trainer, "and I'm delighted to have won such a good prize with him."

By far the most popular victory of the day was that of Concert Hall in the Northern Handicap. The ground was not nearly soft enough for old Lochranza and Concert Hall swept past the favourite early in the straight to give Geoff Lewis the first training success of his career. The popular former jockey was inundated with congratulations afterwards, par-

and with the trainer's son Tim whom Lewis rode so many win-ners. "I've got 21 two-year-olds among my 28 horses". Lewis said, "and I'm hoping for the best". Concert Hall looks sure to win another race or two before the handicapper cauches up with in the saddle, Falkelly should be too good for his opponents. Tuxedo Park, who won three races of his kind last season, is of his kind last season, is thought to be in need of the race.

Hexham off: there will be no racing at Hexham tomorrow owing to wintry weather, and prospects for Monday's meeting are remote. There will be a stewards' inspection at noon tomorrow to decide about Monday's racing.

Naughton still

for The Vintner

The Vintner, who represents Yorkshire's main hope of winning the Grand National next week, is

still without a big race jockey. Mick Naughton, who trains him at Richmond, had hoped to put up Chris Grant on his first Grand

National runner, quoted at 20-1. Grant was the rider when the

gelding won the Ladbroke Trophy Handicap Steeplechase at New-castle in January, but is now required by Denys Smith, the Bishop Auckland trainer, to ride

Flashy Boy at Liverpool. Naughton hopes to engage a rider over the

The Vintner won the Punchestown National Trial Handicap Steeplechase just over a year sec

2.0 (2.04) FRENCH GATE STAKES (Maidens: 3-y-0; \$2.080; 6)

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U. G. Starkey (5-1 li fav) 7
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Iniant Prodisy. Ramboro Again, 33-1
Sonat, El Santo, Friendly Solo, Hydy, Je;
Star, Painiest Saint, Supreme Ruler,
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Sorene Pauli, Short of Cold, TV Star.
26 ran.
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(3y-0: £2,443: 1'am),

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Sir Dore. C. Brigain (6-1) 2

Morgan's Pearl T. T. Ives 100-350: 3

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3.3 (3.9) YORKSHIRE BOTTLE HAN, DIGAP (3-y-o: £7,497; 5f).

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Palso RAN: 8-1 Jebb Lane, Westburg, 9-1 Willowbrook Flyer, Earmark, 10-1 Europenstock, Charles Street, Maniow, Clavinia (401: 18-1 Rose Charter, Venture, Market Cambler, Phop Point 18

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TOTE: Win: 60p: places, 20p, 18e, 46n, Dual forceat: 21.24, CSF 54.17 J. Hardy at Runton. Nk, 41. Time: lmin 03.33sec.

3.35 (3.37) NORTHERN MANDICAP 25.283: 11 ml CONCERT HALL, ch c, by Connective Hall, ch c, by Connective Lidi, 4-3-15 P. Waldron (11-2) 1 pith of Pesce J. Steasdale (11-1) 2 Lockranza L. Charnock (5-1 lav) 3 ALSO RAN: 6-1 Grey Mountain (4th), 7-1 Rowlandsop, 8-1 Chandrey, 10-1 Greatham House, Greats, 12-1 Glemming Wave, 20-1 Regalux, Wesley, 25-1 Hardy Tirk, 3-1 Essex, Frist Lift, Boreas, 15 ran.

TOTE: Wim. 840: places, 220, 230,

TOTS: Win, 840: places, 220, 23p, 16p, Dual F: £14.66. CSF £6.64. C. Lewis, at Especia. 2°sl, 16t. Time, 2min 40.85ac.

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ADS (4.9) BROCKLESBY STAKES (2.9-e); Card g; 1.749 6f)

GAMMA, b C. by Dreconers Palace
—Aspiration (Mrs A. Ferguson), 2.9-e)

Balegaria R. Leason (20-1) 2

General Times . G. Dryar (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Barnot Heir, 4-1 Queensbury Boy (4th), 8-1 Banbury Cross, 10-1 Pasio Island, Spurstow, Steel Gartison, 20-1 Accountability, Bold Rie, Hill of Barra, Mad Monents, Mayris, Reja Sculptor, Capute Light, 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 22-86-places, 64p, 61p.

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120 Dusi F, 253.77, CSF, 25.25.26.

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4.35. (4.47) INTAKE HANDIGAP

(3-y-o: £1,839: 1m)

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ALSO RAN. T. Can-Do-More. Mab
strove. Peter The Butcher. 12-1

Emperor Napoleon. 14-1 Fortma.

Hareldean, Intake, Spring Bird. 20-1

Walter Osborne (4th). 25-1 Swift
Pohn, 53-1 Inkling. Kinklo. 15-1 sm.

TOTE Wrs. 70: places, 18b. £1.19.

30p Dual F. £24.04. CSF. £8.46.

Danys Smith, at Bishop Auckfmd. Nrs.

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TOTE DOUBLE: Brigadier Green and

Renovate. £34.20. TREBLE: Renovate.

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and was subsequently privately by Naughton.

Doncaster results

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(ITV): 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races]

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E BOND COFFEE TIME CUP (Amateurs: £1,554:

PLUS TWO HANDICAP (Apprentices: round 1:

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asson King (CD), J. Ukraco, 4-8-12
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tellius (D), B. Hain, 4-8-5
as Soul, B. Richards, 1-8-8

TE HANDICAP (£3,052 : 7f)

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prince, 4-1 Soversign Landing, 9-2 Tough An Rough, 6-1

Ougernsbury Girl, 10-1 Marchall 19-1 Charrye Steel Stock, h. 20-1 others.

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orshead (14-1) 1 orshead (11-3) 2 gan (11-8 lav) 2 Anula's Choice, Postdyne (4th). Rocamst. 53-1 Body Blow, Halls

.66 places 43p. 14.29 CSF £9.18.

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rwood Hardy (D), W. Wightman, 4-10-0 J. Mercer 3

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rdon (D), C. Sritian, 5-9-12 J. Lowe 18

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range School (D), D. Crump, 5-9-7 R. Sidebottom 5 7

peror's Shadow, R. Hollinsheed, 5-9-5 M. Wigham 14

leal (C.D.), P. Rohan, 7-9-1 J. Seagrave 26

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ry Stars Boy (D), L. Sarrati, 6-8-3 R. Cochrane 5 6

ry Stars Boy (D), L. Barrati, 6-8-3 R. Darley 19

ryma (D), D. Leiton, 4-8-1 R. Muddle 25

rymatuz (D), D. Marks, 6-8-1 R. Muddle 25

remainz (D), B. Crust, 4-7-1 R. Romann 8

ry Bank, S. Nesolin, 5-7-7 R. Rocket, 7-1 Friendly Fun.

mperur's Shadow, 12-1 Meritous, 14-1 Geary's For Surip, Gea

ALSO RAN: 8-1 General Dew (24h).

25-1 Mister Know All. 33-1 Hi Foxy

Montron Murdle Die Pil Moonlight Escapate 50-1 Valings

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locating 15 sh de. 20, 15 26p, 21p, 17 27 28p, 11p; Dual F: £1.31 CSF: £1.42 F.

Orshead 11-32 2 Winter at Lambourn 201, 131.

Devon and Exeter NH programme 2.15 FROBISHER HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £574: 2m 1f)

Fizming Testwood, 7-2 General Carl. 5-1 Woodland en. 8-1 Country Quiz, 14-1 Lopez, 16-1-others. 2.45 HAWKINS HURDLE (Opportunity selling handicap :: £411:

I)
Corraggio, J. Baker, 10-11-12
Sylvia's Giff, A. House, 7-11-7
Silphone (C), R. Kennor, 10-11-4
Eggleten Led, M. Scodamore, 7-11-5
Siva, J. Vaughan, 7-11-2
Athens Star, J. bradley, 5-11-0
Le Bacerier, J. bradley, 5-11-0
Le Bacerier, J. bradley, 5-11-0
Grand Star, H. D. Turner, 8-10-11
Grand Star, H. D. Turner, 8-10-1
Grand Star, H. D. Turner, 10-10-7
Jims-Double (G), L. Carrod, 6-10-5
Spring Fishion, J. House, 10-10-5
Spring Fishion, J. Hots, 1-10-4
Le Toy, L. Warning 11-10-2
Jehnny Kenny, R. Pincomee, 11-10-6
not, 2-1 Manrice, 6-1 Planters' Club, 10-1

TORBAY CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Handicap: £1,084 : 2m 1f)



What a Mins (C), J. Thorne. 6-11-11
Just Revenge (C), D. Barona, 8-11-8
Newin (C), D. Barona, 9-11-4
Princisy Riffe, J. Saker, 8-11-2
Oliman, H. Poole, 7-11-3
Oranmere, R. Atkins, 10-10-12
Ernie's Kasp, S. Pattymere, 5-10-10
Tidat Wave (D), D. H. Jones, 8-10-9
Heroic, D. Barona, 6-10-6
Spanish God (C), M. Stephona, 5-10-6
Ruting Star, N. Cascies, 6-10-7
Ruting Star, N. Cascies, 6-10-7
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4.15 RAYNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE 4.15 RAYNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE
(Handicap: E.1,331: 3rr. 1f)

1 411-004 Outer Way, O. Carter, 12-12-7 Mr Y. Thomson Jones
2 111233 Cay Park (0), A. Hobbs. 7-10-13 P. Hoobs
3 51-brop Artis Hair (0), J. Thorne, 11-10-12 R. Hoare
4 004304 Cyllopus, Mr J. Pitman, 11-10-12 R. Hoare
5 21-2217 Acother Prospect, J. Edwards, 8:10-3 P. Slacker
6 020202 Kildimo Star (C), N. Caseles, 7:10-1 R. Linter
10 2-4222 Master Upham, D. Candolfo, 12-10-0 R. Hoarion
11 3-4320 East Emperor, C. Kindersley, 9:10-0 P. Barton
12 14201 Miss Ratinus (CG), W. Speedge, 10-10-0 Mrs J. Speedy
13 23:49-0 Rough House, J. Ord, 14-10-0 D. Jackson
18 00007 Robbert Evidge, J. Cann. 6-10-0 S. G. Kuight
7-4 Otter Way, 7-2 Cay Park, S-1 Gylappus, 6-1 Kildimo Star, 7-1 Mmster
Upham, 8-1 Another Prospect, 12-1 chars.

4.45 FROBISHER HURDLE (Div 2: Novices: £554: 2m 1f)

Doncaster selections

2.0 Mac's Treasure. 2.30 FALKELLY is specially recommended. 3.0 Kirhairon. 3.30 Somers Heir. 4.0 Regency Prince. 4.30 Deba's Pride. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Mac's Treasure. 2,30 Silver Bay. 3.0 Saher.. 3.30 Laska Floko. 4.0 Merely Mozart. 4.30 Hawkins.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 General Carl. 2.45 Manrico. 3.15 Sparkling-Tarqua. 3.45 Nesclos
4.15 Otter Way. 4.45 Robbie Lad

Lincoln Handicap SANGUAR TRANSPORTS: Joleg.
Sandbord Roy. Inside Quarter. Be
Better. Smartset. Running Jump.
Suiley's Knight, Irish Display. Reine
Saledi, Northierach. Bazorback, Avenged.
Bandsome Kid. Bine Sridge. Enrishding
Codwn Witness. Black Minere. Enrishding
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Gubbon. King a Ride. Celestial Gem.
Bertie Me Bdy.
Riders: Joles. S. Canthen; Sandford Boy. J. Blanks 5; Inside Quarter.

P. Eddery: Be Better J. Matthias; Smartset. J. Reid; Running Jump. E. Mide. Silvey's Knight. G. Sarkwy. Fish Display. W. Birch. Reine Sotell. R. Curant: Northleach. W. Carson. Razorback. J. Lows. Avenged, B. Raymond; Bandsone Edder, W. L. Thomas Blue Eridge. P. Robinson 13; Eirkholm, R. Muddle, Churri Wilness, E. Johnson: Black Minstrel, W. R. Swinburn (3); Fairy Fisherman; C. Graywan (5); Fairy Fisherman; C. Graywan (7); Fairy Fisherman; C. Graywan (5); Fairy Fisherman; C. Graymon, C. Dullrick King's, Richeron, G. Bullrick King's, Richeron, G. Baxter; Celestial Gem. N. Carrisle (7); Bertle Me Boy, K. Hodgson (7); Lillian. Tarci. Fair Georgina (p), 14
fap. NR: Berty's Riss.
TOPE: Win. 24-36: places. Trp.
50p. 11p: dotal forecart. 26.87. C78:
E15-92. M. Stephens, of Taumion. 1'al.

3.45 (3.55) DAW VALE (Handscap.

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MYS-R. Vickery (5.51) 3
Softmer. 2503. 2m; 161

Paddina P. Leach (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Rheinford, 7-1

Dras Lass, Lombardia 10-1 Spark Off,
16-1 Stoel Trade, 20-1 Charlie Flower,
23-1 Commander Christy, Fouman,
4-1ar Tuch, Kilion's Gamble, Partick's
Fair (4th) Porsian Risk, Tom's Little
Al, Leith Hill Flyer, Wayward Cottage. Fair (suit Hill Fiver, Waywas Al, Loith Hill Fiver, Waywas 18 ran. 18 ran. 1001E: Win, 40p; places, 10p. 30p. 1128; dual forecast. £1 03. CSF: £2.68. Mrs E. A. Harden, at Unbridge, 41, 21. 2,45 (2,46) TOTE HURDLE (Handi-cap: £1,948: 24m; 2.45 (2.46) TOTE NORTHER (REMANCARE EL, 948: 2',m'

BALLONI, b m. by Baltymoss—
Negron (A. Smallbeldger, 7-9-12

Mrs J. Hembrew (7-1) 1

Cruise Missils, Mrs Diane

Henderson (4-1 fav) 2

HI Mary, Miss Julis Pocock (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Patrustier, 9-1

Princes Arcade, Successor, 10-1

Calmago, Keynsham (44h), Double

Mirses, 12-1 Brandy Bird, 16-1

Richmeds, 25-1 Pippanty Pontares,

Landa's Friend, Law Beach, High

Pastures, Clear Deal (7), 18 ran.

TOTE: Win. 79p: places, 14p. 16p.

25p, 27p: dual forecast, 53-95, CSP:

25.62, T. Wardle, at Wells, 51, 11.

110 Dual F. El. 31. CSF. El. 42. F. Whiter at Lambourn 30, 151.

4 B 14.1) LOUISE STOCKDALE CHASE / Handican: 2837: Im Soyd / DayCo. h g by Gay Pilot—Silver Day 7:10-8 Mas Lack King (4-1) 2. News Lane G. Fietcher: 6-4 Lavi 3. ALSO RAN. 10-1 Fox Rum. 35-1 Dandy Man (4th). 30-1 Grackini Air (pt. 6 fat.). 250: places, 13p. 12p; dual forcast: 35p. CSF 87p. F. Colon at Natingham. 51. 61.

130 (4.30) GREEN\$ MORTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices 2583: 2m) PROFIT LINE, gr 9 by 8 Paddy—Kingaline 6-11-7 C. Smith (14-1) 12-1 Banvan. 16-1 Toochest. (pt. 20-1 Bronmond. 3-1 Counties. Diamond Divine (pt. Major Enterprise. Reve (tt.) Vinyco. Bean Sovereign. 15 rab. NR: Migrateur. Tort. Win Scholless. Diamond Divine (pt. 10-1 Bronmond. 3-1 Counties. Diamond Divine (pt. 10-1 Bronmond. 3-1 Counties. Diamond Divine (pt. 20-1 Bronmond. 3-1 Counties. Diamond Divine (pt. 10-1 Bronmond. 3-1 Counties. Diamond Divine (pt. 10-1 Bronmond. Sovereign. 15 rab. NR: Migrateur. 51.35. CSF: 26.64 M Tate at Kidderminster. 8. 14 Tooch and Turarum. 243-35. TREBLE. Tuberon. Shannon Bridge and Dayse, 24.00. 20p: doal forecast: 27.35. CSF: 26.64.

M. Gale of Kidderminater. J.

Chase: £1.124: 22.40.

3.25 (3.55) DAW VALE (Handicap Selling : £595 2m 1f) GROOVY, gr g, by Dameing Lad Groceiks (H. O'Neill : 5-11-9 J. Braw Swords ... C. Brown (11-2) 2 2 Celebrity Sources Draw Swerds ... C. Brown (11-2) 2. Celebrity Squares. C. Brown (11-2) 2. Celebrity Squares. Serven (11-2) 2. ALSO RAN 11-2 it fav Boulhurps Boy, Frediculaie, 9-1 Rose Charm, 10-1 Eva Anne. 12-1 Nice Tourh (2th. 11-1 Pharaon's Bride, 16-1 Eastleigh Manor (pt. 20-1 Cape Hatterst, Leed Of Rost, 33-1 Folilloon's Folly, Why Bird, Cholwell Senoria, Jans-Double, Nicholas-David, Baby Kate. 18 781. TOTE: Wm. 50p; placest, 22p, 41p, 20p, 28p; dual forecast, £2.76. CSF; £3.65. H. O'Neill, at Dorking, St. 'al' Landa's Friend, Law Bench, High
Pastures, Clear Deal (p), 18 ran.

TOTE: Win. 79p: places, 14p. 16p.
26p. 27p: dual forecast, £3.93. CSF:
£5.63. T. Wardle, at Wells. 51. 11.

3.15 (3.17) FOXTOR CUP (Handicap Clear Colone) Colone: 21,124: 23-m;
GLEAMING SLIGHT, or a low with

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Snack Time, 5-1 Princely Fool, 8-1 Mourndyke, 10-1 Kilery Ster. 12-1 lift the Roaf Man on the Run (4th). Intersport, Palæstrina, 14-1 Venucci, Leogardus (p) 25-1 Colume Christy, Toni Fool, Warwick Flyer, Holemor Bon (16), 3-1 Tizz, Super Fun. Atlantic Prince, Valuable Coln (p), 21 ran. TOTE: Win. 75p; places, 18p, 13p, 87p, 67p; dual forecast, \$4.88, CSF, 24.75, D. D. Scott, at Minchesd, 2.2, 141,

5.15 (5.20) KENTON HURBLE (DIV N: £466; 2m 17) CARRONADE, br by Scottish Riffe—Negroni (W. Williams) 11-3 ... M. Williams (7-4 fav) Lodipoppaa ... S. May (20-1) Servilla ... Mr M. Batters (15-2) ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mprators (16-2) a
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mprator 5-1 First
Order: 12-1 Guidr-My-Sleigh (4dh),
Roman Victory, 16-1 Sush of Gold;
20-1 Bishops Row 25-1 Pools Sy,
35-1 Bradsiara, Darly Green, Flori
De-Ann, Risk'n Hope, Waith O
Willishire, 15 ran.
TOTE: Win. 20p; places, 10p. 53s.
28p: dual innecest £16.03. CSF:
£5.98. L. Kennard, at Taunton, Sh hd.
Rk. nk.
TOTE DOUBLE: Balloni. Gleaning
Fight 25.30 (paid on first log).
TREBLE: Gleaning Flüght, Groove,
Silver Ransome, 218.35 (paid on first
leg)., PLESFOT: 25.15.

Athletics

IAAF could lose their drugs expert

Derek Johnson, chairman of the International Athletes Club, said yesterday that the International Amateur Athletic Federation had set back drug control in the sport by five years. He was reacting to reports that Professor Amold Packet the Monte of drug Jeste. Becket, the pioneer of drug tests in sport, was prepared to stop his work unless the LAAF toughened their attitude to athletes who use

their attitude to athleres who use drugs.
Professor Becket, who directs dope tests for the IAAF, was furious that the federation had reinstated five Eastern European achietes, who had been banned for a minimum of 18 months last year. The ban will be lifted on July 1, which means they will be available for selection for the

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The IAAF have been in the front of the fight against drug abuse, but could lose their leading expert if they do not stick to their own rules, Mr Johnson said:

"The IAAF are paper tigers when it comes to dealing with the drug problem and it would be a tragedy if they lost the services of Professor Becket. Professor Becket.
"I think there should be an

Professor Becket.

"I think there should be an international flying squad of medical experts employed by the IAAF to fly round the world and do spot checks. They would have to operate in the winter as well as the summer and be able to hand out automatic suspensions to anyone found using drugs."

Jon Wigley, press officer of the IAAF, said: "The council used rule II which gives them the power to change decisions at their discretion. The Romanians and Bulgarians both had delegations at the meeting and asked for clemency. That was the only reason for the ban being lifted.

"We cannot justify the decision and it worries the officers of the IAAF because it sets a precedent. As far as we are concerned the 18-month minimum suspension for drug offences will still operate. It seems crazy to me, particularly as athletics is trying to take a lirin this area. But there is nothing we can do."

Bill Walker, the 40-year-old assistant manager at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, will be free to resume athletics coaching from April 1. The general committee of the Scottish Amateur Athletics Association decided, at a three-hour meeting on Wednesday night, to lift the suspension they imposed on Mr Walker, a British Amateur Athletics Board coach, last month. The general committee's original. on Mr Walker, a british Antisted.
Athletics Board coach, last month.
The general committee's original action was taken because, they alleged, Mr Walker admitted making irregular payments to athletes in the 1978 Edinburgh Highland Games, which he organized

athletes in the 1978 Edinburgh Highland Games, which he organized.

Although Mr Walker was suspended indefinitely, no action was taken against any ethletes because of a lack of evidence. The general committee decided to meet quickly after a 46 votes to 13 recommendation for Mr Walker's reinstatement from a special general meeting of from a special general meeting of the association. "It is like a buge dark cloud at last moving", Mr Walker said yesterday. "Being able to coach is so important to me."

Rowing

British flagship's first appearance on Tideway determined to oust the " official "

eight of the season makes its one and only likely competitive appearance tomorrow. Designated "ARA National Squad II" they start from seventh position in the main Head of the River race (10.30) on the Tideway. This British flagship will not attempt to place all its eggs in one basket in the Olympic regatts should it take place. It will divide after Saturday's race back into a Coxless four, guaranteed a place in less four, guaranteed a pisce in the British team, and a coxed four determined to fight off other candidates for this particular

tertit.

The passing "flagship" has on board six men who between them have wos no less than 17 international medals over the pass decade and they must surely take the head title by some distance.

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Show jumping

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field of 420 eights—restricted to
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The "official" national eight,
who are being groomed for lovernational appearances this season
starts as head crew: They will be
chased by an aggressive Leander
and Oxford University rowing in
Tais' colours, starting in second
and third places respectively.

Leander, who recently won the
Reading Head, in record time, are

lce skating

More help for Phillips's Olympic effort

Captain Mark Phillips, beneficiary of a £60,000 sponsorship backing from British Leyland's Land Rover Ltd, has had
another new horse bought for him
to assist his Olympic effort. The
horse, a nine year old called
Rough and Tough, has been
acquired by the British Equestrian
Federation and made over to
Captain Phillips, who rode in

Robin Coustus of Britain, the
Olympic ice skating champion, Zaitsev, the Russian Olympic pairs
flew into London yesterday and
said that he had not yet made any
firm plans for launching his professional career. "I simply have
no idea at this stage what course
at will take ", he said.
"Personally, I am not handling
any offers. I keep hearing of them
by roundabout routes, but quite
homestly 1 can't even begin to
think about them until all my
amateur commitments have finamateur commitments have fin-Captain Phillips, who rode in Britain's 1972 gold medal winning team in the three-day event. Captain Phillips will ride Rough

Captain Phillips will ride Rough and Tough at next month's Badminton Horse Trials, results of which will decide the Olympic team short list.

The money to buy what the selectors regard as a horse of Olympic potential has come from the Olympic sport sponsorship trustees, a privately operated scheme which raises funds for yaching and athletics as well as emestrian sport. This year they equestrian sport. This year they have collected £30,000 to help their three conseries 250,000 to act that upkeep of Rough and Tough will be taken care of under the Land Rover Ltd scheme.

subdue S African Martina Navratilova, Tracy Austin, Billie Jean King and Evonne Goolagong each achieved straight after she injured her right raikle in the minth game of the second set against Mrs Austin.

Miss Austin toils to

set victories in the first round of the women's tennis tournament at Miss Stevens, who wears a cum-bersome brace on her left knee Madison Square Garden, New York. The top seeded Miss Navbecause of an old injury, told a ductor at the Garden that she had ratilova seeking her second suc-cessive title here needed only 51 minutes to rout Kathy Jordan of the United States 6-2, 6-1. heard a "crack", but X-ray examination showed she had not Miss Austin, the second seed, A' tournament official said the

injury had been diagnosed as a

mjury had been diagnosed as a
"soft spot in the ankle", and
that Miss Stevens would practise
to determine whether she was able
to play Mrs Turnbull.
Brian Gottfried of the United States beat Uli Pinner of West Germany and Tim Gullikson, also of the United States, beat the West German Rolf Gehring in second-round matches of the the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament at Frankfurt. Earlier, Guillermo Vilas, who helped Argentina to beat the Davis Cup holders, the United States in Buenos Aires last week,

Turnbull, 7--6, 6-4.

The winners of Wednesday's first round matches now play one another as do the losers in both groups. Mrs King meets Miss Miss Navratilova, Mrs Austin faces Mrs Cawley, Mrs Wade takes on Miss lordan and Mrs Turnbull plays Miss Stevens, assuming that the South African has sufficiently recovered from her ankle injury.

The 24-year-old Miss Stevens, having her finest season as a pro-In the first round.

John Alexander, fell to Raul Ramirez of Mexico who won 6—4; 6—3, to leave Hans Gildemeister the only surviving seed. Another surprise was the defeat of Vilaq and Jose-Luis Clerc who were beaten 6—1, 6—2, in the first round of the doubles by Scalon of the United States and Johan Kriek of South Africa. in the first round.

was easily beaten by the Ameri-can Bill Scanlon in straight sets

Real Tennis.

Tennis

Cambridge keep nerve to win deciding doubles

By Roy McKelvie

Real Tennis Correspondent Cambridge won the University Real Tennis match beating Oxford Real Tennis match beating Oxford by four rubbers to three, at Lord's yesterday. In the deciding doubles match William Gowans and Andrew McDonaid, the Cambridge pair, beat William Hollington and Aman Kanwaw by 3-5, 6-4, 6-5 after being down 2-4 in the second set and losing a match point at 5-3 in the float.

The day bean with the teams

who lost to Miss Navratilova in a three-set final in last year's cham-

plouships, had to roil to subdue Greer Stevens of South Africa, who was forced to retire because

of an apile injury while trailing 3-6, 3-5.

In a match involving the two

oldest competitors in the women's top 10, the 36-year-old Mrs King won 12 of the last 15 games in

won 12 of the last 15 games in beating the 34-year-old Virginia Wade, of Britain, 6—1, 6—3. Evorne Cawley, formerly Goolagong, recovered from a 1—3 deficit in the second set to beat her

Australian compatriot Wendy Turnbull, 7-6, 6-4.

The day began with the teams level at 1—1, but Cambridge then took the fourth and third string singles matches. Simon Kverudai beat Jeremy Fricker in three sets and then Andrew McDonald, through sheer tenacity, beat a better stroke player, Aman Kan-waw, by 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. This set the stage for Oxford's recovery as the odds were in favour of them winning the top two singles matches, leaving the result to a deciding doubles.

Oxford's second string Fred Satow won his match against William Gowans by 6-4, 6-3, the score bearing little relation to the tussle. Satow concentrated on keeping the ball on the floor, but was frequently joined out of his rhythm by the rugged play of Gowans who, at times, blasted the ball all round the court, got a lot

spells of missing easier shots, Satow, in danger of losing his grip on the second set, needed a steady nerve and patience.

Then Oxforo's experienced firsh string William Hollington found himself near to defeat before overcoming Michael Gradon by 6-5, 3-6, 6-5. This was a splendid context won in the end by Hollington's persistence in sticking to basic principles, though he could do with more weight in his strokes and enterprise in using them. Gradon, without the same traditional skill, was bold same traditional skill, was bold and thoroughly energetic. Some of his returning in the long railies at the end of the second set was breathtaking, and, when he advan-ced to 3-0 in the final set; Gradon looked, the deserved wing ner. He then had a couple of loose games, recovered to lead. 5-3, but Hollington was never in danger of losing the last three games.

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Bowls Ireland and

Wales in two finals

Wales and Ireland reached two, finals at the British women's in-Wales and Ireland reached two, finals at the British women's ingesting for the first time in a new order will be anxious to impress on what will surely be their only full course trial for the Bout Race (April 5).

Other crews in the top 10 starting order include the London lightweight eight (fourt) and the Irish Police. Garda Siochana (fifth). Unless the Garda have their four internationals on board, they are scheduled for a shallow dive.

There are strong rumours of what may be described as floating mercenaries on the Tideway:
London University, who appear to have forgotten to post their entry in time, may be disguised as a low placed Kingston crew starting around the 300th place. Isis, preparing for the mini boat race, may start in garter blue singlets of a provincial crew while London Rowing Club may boast a Spanish eight, who could easily figure in the top 10.

Overseas entries come from the Rounble, of Iroland Iraly West.

Leeds director resigns

Brian Roberts, a Leeds United director, has resigned because of his commitments in business and as a magistrate. He has recently been responsible for ground improvements designed to combat hooliganism.

Cousins puts professional plans to back of his mind

amateur commitments have fin-ished and that won't be until late in May or early June. Then we hope we can get down to business and sort something out." At least two rival ice show companies, one operating largely in the United States and the other in Europe,

States and the other in Europe, want to sign Cousins, who is 22.

Whether he chooses Europe or America, Cousins is likely to be managed by Carlo Fassi, the coach who steered him land John Curry of Britain four years earlier) to outstanding success. Cousins, together with other world stars, including East Germany's Jan Hoffman, the man who beat him for the world title, took part in a Gala of Champions at Richmond Ice Rink last night. Ice Rink last night.

Cousins said: "That was not the decision of the skaters them-selves, and I have no qualms at all about skating before the Russian public. They are all keen followers of ice skating, who want to see the best skaters in the world perform. We are going there on behalf of the International Skating Union and there are no complications about it." He flies to Genera today and will return to his home town Bristol tomorrow, where he town Bristol tomorrow, where he is to be given a civic reception, before resuming his European tour in Rome on Sunday.

Fratianne joins show: Linde Fratianne, of the United States, the former world ice skating champion, and also silver medallist behind and also silver medallist behind and also silver medallist behind that the Olympics last month, has turned professional. She will skate. for an ice show.

For the record

Golf

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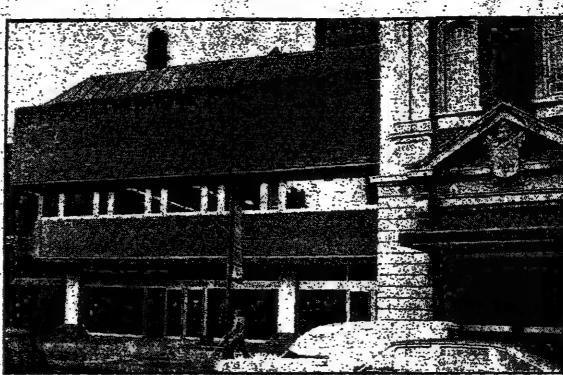
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Two neighbouring London boroughs-but so different in the way they tackle inner city decay.

Why the left costs more than the right



A tale of two town halls Lambeth (left) 1 believe in spending on services. Wandsworth believe in saving ... but maintain that their cuts are so well arranged that the public will hardly notice them



bocal government claims that it: vide a vivid example of the is always a difficult year to munity against the cost of ser-vices and against the back-ground of government require-

worst for some time because of thising inflation and the severity of the spending tuts required. The pressures on local authorities have not been helped by the hostility between the Conservative government and the Labour opposition. As a result local government is hefore and the attitudes of Conservative and Labour councils more polarized.

With few exceptions Conservative authorities have made rates increases down, while Labour councils, reluctant to reduce services, have had to put the cost on the rates.

For inner city authorities the difficulties were accentuated by the Government's decision to halt the increased flow of resources to the cities. The non-metropolitan areas have benefited at their expense, and since Labour authorities predominate in the inner cities, this has increased the likelihood of Labour cooncils standing at the head of any league table for rate rises.

In London, the boroughs of

different attitudes adopted in tackling the deprivation of the inner city areas in the light of financial difficulty. Lambeth's leader, Mr Edward Knight, champion of the Labour party principle that services must be maintained, faces Mr Christopher Chope, Wandsworth's pher Chope, Wandsworth's Conservative leader, who to judge by the enthusiastic reception he received at the parry's recent local government conference is fast becoming a paragon of Tory realist virtue.

The boroughs jostle uneasily together on the south of the Thames, both suffering similar inner city decay, marked by high unemployment, decelict land and bad housing. There the comparisons end. Two years ago, at the end of a Labour administration in Wandsworth, its rates were higher than in Lumbeth, the picture now is very different. In Hazelbourne Road, Balham where one side is in Lambeth and the other in Wandsworth. the rates on similar facing houses are 5216 on the Lanbeth side and £135 on the Wandsworth. For the present year the average Lambeth rates are £206, those for Wandsworth £166, Next year

£300 against £200. Mr Knight is not without empathy for his ratepayers. sympathy for his ratepayers.
"I think it's unfair on them

ment's purposes but about their tactics. They agree with the

priority given to controlling inflation, the need to reduce

public expenditure and to cut

taxation. But they are not per-suaded of the necessity to attach

overriding importance to an exact figure for the public

sector borrowing requirement; they fear that substantial sec-

rupted in the cause of balanc-

ing the national books; and

they are uncomfortable at what they consider to be the inade-quacy of the Government's social policy in general. The new intake of Conserva-tive MPs, among them a number with exceptional political experi-

ence and capacity, is prominent in this category. So too are some of the most able of other recent entrants. This is why the child benefit debate should be a cause of wider anxiety for the Goy

ernment, going quite beyond the immediate issue; and I am

the figures

At the start of this week it Those who feel strongly about

lnoked as if the Government child benefits are not neces-might be embarrassed by the satily exercized about keeping House of Commons debate on line with inflation or preserving the Olympics boycott. As it the earnings-related element in

turned out, they were given unemployment benefit. But more cause for anxiety by there is none the less a signifi-Tuesday's debate on the upratement overlap between unease ing of child benefits. This was over child benefits and other

even near to defeat by the . Quite a number of the child attempt to commit them, to a benefit campaigners are also specific level of benefit from unhappy not about the Govern-

not because they were brought matters.

next November: the rebels, deliberately did no more than

offer a token gesture of protest

on this occasion. But the tone of the debate,

and the other indications of potential rebellion on this issue,

indicate that the Government

might be in parliamentary dif-ficulties if they do not an-nounce next week that child benefits will be increased by

something like the sum needed

to compensate for inflation-

though the reaction on the backbeaches will be influenced

by the overall nature of the Budget.

In one sense, the child beneits might be regarded as a single-issue question. Potential rebels have been brought together from right across the

party. The taunt used in the

course of the debate, that there

is a Tory Tribune Group, is fa-

accurate. The lines of protest in

the Conservative Party are not drawn as precisely as 'that.

will be roughly

because I don't think the prob-lems of the inner cities should be solely the concern of inner should not have to pick up the bill for these problems, but faced with a national government which refuses to give enough help we have to charge

more than 30 per cent was made to cover the expanded services for which the council was elected in 1978, while this year's 49 per cent increase is necessitated by the reduced Government rate support grant, he says. "For every £1 we require this year, we need another 64p for the coming year, of which the rare support

grant provides only 17p."
The council had considered cutting £3m from the budget but found that would mean closing children's and old peo-ple's homes, reducing home helps and help for the men-telly and physically handicap-

acceptable to a Labour acil. We were elected to borough with special." Looking across to Wandsworth he saw societ chaos because of the cuts in hard

The younger men that Mrs Thatcher

not attempting to belittle the

importance of that.

It was indirectly a reminder of the extent to which the Gov-

ernment has yet to convince its supporters in Parliament, especially the younger members, of the wisdom of its approach. There is no mood of seething rebellion on the backbenches,

but there is a quiet lack of con-viction in the Government's doctrines and judgment.

For how long will this remain quiet? That will depend largely

on events. There is no eager-ness to prove the Government

wrong, and only a minority of Conservative MPs definitely be-lieve them to be mistaken— though, as I have indicated, this

minority includes a high pro-portion of the ablest younger ones. But there is probably a majority who are doubtful about the Government's ap-proach, not convinced that

ministers have got it wrong but

without much confider they have got it right.

Geoffrey Smith

must convince of her strategy

Backbenchers are not rebellious

'but there is a quiet lack of

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doctrines and judgment'

created but not satisfied in Wandsworth, "We get some comeback on social services. If you have a borough depriving its older population, there is an overflow into our borough."

The final words for Lambert

uphold their policy..." We are certainly as efficient as Wands-worth, says Mr Knight. "Our , says Mr Knight. "Out council's objective is to meet the needs of the area, and we do provide better services than Wandsworth

Lambeth has not cut he staff vices, you need managers and the people to deliver the ser-

about 270,000, a staff of 10,200-500 more than a year ago—and a spending budget of £83m. Wandsworth has a population of 275,000, a staff of 7,200—1,000 less than two years ago—and a budget of E51m.

The staff difference between the boroughs is substantial, and the reduction in Wandsworth since the Conservatives gained control in 1978 is the sort of saving close to the heart of Mr Michael Heseltine, the Environment Secretary. He sees it as the key to the achievement of public sector savings and has practised what preaches by doing just that in

Such a spirit of uneasy agnos-

ticism is enough to carry any

British government along until the point is reached when things are felt to be going

badly awry. Even then the Tory

tradition of loyalty has sus-tained many a Conservative-government through a bad patch in the past. But unthink-

ing loyalty is no longer a fea-ture of British politics in any

In an important book* to be

published next week Dr Philip

Norton of Hull University

analyzes the increased propen-sity of MPs to rebel against their party whips in recent years. It is hardly surprising that there should have been

more government defeats in the

House of Commons during the years of Labour minority rule.

But Dr Norton points out that of 42 defeats in the last Par-

to opposition parties combin-ing against a minority govern-

liament 19 were attributable pay.

party these days.

greatly helped by having fewer staff and less bureaucracy. He staff and less bureaucracy. He believes that for the bulk of the services provided the public will not notice any cuts. Ironically, the Conservatives were helped by Wandsworth's previous Labour administration, which consistently had tion, which consistently nad high rate increases and left them with a cushion. The

in small noticeable areas, the service is reduced—in public laundries and baths and the council has closed a public receive sufficient custom to

result was a nil increase last

year and 18 per cent for the

justify the staff costs.

Encouraging self-help the council has brought in housing associations and has handed over preschool groups, with a large grant, to community groups. We have got to have services that we can afford." Mr Chope accepts that it is early to tell whether his coun-

cil is succeeding, but says there is less unemployment than before. "We have tried to encourage industry to encourage industry to come in, and it seems to have worked. Skilled people are the key. They want their own house, so we have a houses-for-sale policy. We are trying to create a better atmosphere so

Labour members combining with opposition members to

That was partly because of the quite exceptional issue of devolution, which cut across party lines, and partly also per-

haps because the very existence of a minority administration may have encouraged the belief that it could be defeated on specific questions without

suffering as much damage to its

reputation as it would under normal circumstances. Dr Norton's thesis, though, is

Dr Norton's tuesis, the that the greater tendency to

Heath's premiership of 1970-74, when the Government was defeated six times through cross-voting by Conservative backbenchers. Half of those

defeats occurred on three-line

Yet none of them was on items central to the Government's policy, and I am not sure how far the old discipline has

broken down under the usual conditions of a majority govern-

ment. The experience of this Parliament will tell us. Cer-

tainly the power of the whips

remains strong, but already the Government have been forced by the reaction on the floor of the House to give way over MPs'

Parliamentary pressure was a principal cause of the retreat

rebel was evident during

defeat their own side.

that the able-bodied do not leave, and we have stopped the mass exodus of a year or two

The rare base has also gone up. Last year a 1p rate raised £464,000 and in 1980-81 it will

Chope's conclusion: "Certainly in value for money we provide a better service. Driving through Lambeth one can see the dereliction. Their roads are not as well mein-

Eambeth provides a little more, where they spend more. But it is aroung to think we are mean and not doing anything. We make sure though that we are realistic and do what we can afford."

The net result is that Wands

worth received a par on the back and Cambeth is on the short list for panellisation by Mr Heseltine. Mr Knight— "Red Ted", as he is affection-ately known—has the light of battle in his eye and positively looks forward to standing in the penalty box. But he wants his Labour council colleagues up and down the country to join him, and a few almost

> Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

Rhodesian sanctions was an important factor in the Lancas-

What is beyond doubt is that

a more assertive and indepen-dent breed of MP is entering

the House these days. They are

number of members; nowadays

it applies to nearly all new

It follows that there are therefore a higher proportion of ambitious—and potentially

frustrated—backbenchers who are determined to exercise their own judgment on public policy. The lesson for this me indeed

for any government is that on

child benefits as on other issues the agreement of the new breed

of member will have to be won by persuasion.

*Dissension in the House of Com-mons 1974-79. By Philip Norton. Clarendon Press. (£28.50).

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The powe that publi opinion wie

Fundamental changes in the world often occur without being noticed. An instance of this has been the important change which has been taking place since the Second World War, in the centre of gravity of power, from governments to public opinion. Two factors rendered this change inevitable : 📑 🦈 🦘

1. Higher standards of literacy and education which enabled public opinion to be much etter informed on national and international affairs than ever before, This has enabled public opinion to make its own assessment of different situations; also, public opinion became more discerning.

2. The development of the mass media printed and audiovisual has brought news, information and views instantly to the entire human race Even entire human race. Even people who cannot read are instantly informed of events as they take place throughout the world. People in the most iso-lated and impoverished rural areas, usually have access to transistor radios. Not only have they access to the news services provided by their own national radio network, but in most cases they also have access to a multiplicity of different news and, information services; these compete with each other to reach the ears, minds and consciences of mankind. The transistor receiver is the most potent instrument of public information.

The combination of these two elements has brought about a complete shift in the centre of gravity of political power in the world. Public opinion is now in a position to he informed and to exercise indement on most important tuations in the world, inevit-aly, public opinion forms its wa judgment and takes sides.

Another facet of the same development is that public opinion has been gradually learning how to make its voice heard, and thus to exercise power. In democratic countries where there are a multiplicity of political parties, political parties now have to organize opinion polls to ensure that their policies are on conformity with the trends of public opinion. These public opinion polls are stready exerting considerable influence in the shaping of policy by parties. The art of the public opinion poll as a method of influencing policy is only still in its

In one-party states, governments are beginning to realize that they, too, must inform and consult the members of the "one-party" more closely than before. Not only that, but the nore and more to keep in closer touch with its own grass roots and with the general public. As a result of the better information services, and a information, the members of tial than ever the "one-party" in "one- we loosely c

party states are more critical of government policies and insist upon being better informed and on being reard. Were it not for this important development the dissidents in Eastern Europe or in China would never have lar, Article

While this growth in the importance of public opinion and the consequential decrease ter House negoriations, and soon we shall see if the pressure over child benefits has been of the omnipotence of govern-

professionals in the sense of devoting their careers to poli-tics, even if they retain another job on the side. They have gone Outstanding instances of outward manifestations of the
result of the growing power of The author
public opinion as against the Unesco Integ into Parliament not lause they believe it to be the best club in Europe but because they want to have a direct influence on public policy. That was always true, of course, of a

been heard of.

mental authority were inevitable, and should have been foreseen, governments have been slow to accept and to adjust to these fundamental any other mu changes.

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An Answer

Last night the critic E. T. Greep appeared aboard my pleasure boat, (the Panete) of straddled a bar-stool in its lounge, and sale.

The world was up in arms. The boss to the

No one dare move an inch. And then, the poet Orpheus got up and sang the story of Creation, to dispel all thought of strife."

"It was ", continued Greep, " an occasion. rapture. Expressed (of course) by silence. conversion into amity of hate." And is ",—knocking his pipe our of myst the only kind of poem known as great."

MOSCOW DIARY

Russia has flying saucers too

There was a play running in Moscow recently entitled simply "NLO" - the Russian abbreviation for UFO, unidentified flying object. The main character, who is going through a domestic crisis, periodically turns on the radio and each time hears a snatch of a programme about flying saucers, the abominable snowman. the Bermuda triangle or the lost continent of Atlantis. He begins to wonder whether he or the real world is going insane. For millions of Russians

these things, if not real, are a source of endless fascination and speculation about them, official and unofficial, is almost obsessive. The papers are for ever discussing this or that scientific explanation of these phenomena. Scientific expeditions are sent off to look for Atlantis or the veti or the mys-

"The sky was black, cloudless with many stars and the constellations were easily seen ", a reader from Omsk recently told Pravda. "Among them I saw an especially bright star from which there came a glow. At first I thought it was a satel-lite, but over the lake the globe' began to descend, and the cloud around it grew larger. "In the sky above the mountains an object moved rather fast and high in an upward tra-jectory, leaving behind a wide, straight white tail very similar

to the trace of a plane though much wider. There was no sound or noise of any kind." The reader was mistaken, Pravda said categorically: scientists do not even recognize the term UFO. Everything can be explained by cloud forma-tions or atmospheric conditions.

Nevertheless Soviet scientists spend a great deal of time writing about flying saucers, in-

sians devour every scrap of vestigating reported sightings information they can get hold and trying to convince crowded of about similar searches over-lecture halls that the little vestigating reported signings and trying to convince crowded lecture halls that the little green men do not exist. It seems to be a losing battle. The greater the anti-saucer propaganda, the more obstinately belief in them grows.

Official artemate to disconder

Official attempts to discredit and refute all accounts and rumours about space vehicles from other planets and encounters with alien beings have intensified as popular interest in the subject has grown. Some years ago there was a tendency to deny outright the existence any sort of unidentified flying object and appropriate statements by prominent scien-tists were used to back up this In 1968, for example, the

director of the astronomy council of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told Pravda that any object flying over Soviet terri-tory could not fail to be identified by scientists or by the military authorities. But Russians' beliefs were not

shaken and have been re-inforced by suitably embellished reports of sightings abroad. So in the most recent Prayda article on the subject the director of the Institute of Earth enlist the services of sociologists Magnetism and Ionosphere said that in fact many atmospheric phenomena observed by people were hard to explain. He said these events had to

be classified, investigated and objectively evaluated. But research should make use only of verifiable facts and information and should pay no attention to the "inflamed fantasies of those seeking sensations ".

The paper went on to describe some of the things Russians claim to have seen in the heavens: unsually bright stars, discs. lobes, cucumbers, cigars, double and single crescents, triangles and squares.

Most of these, the paper said, could be put down to atmospheric effects at dusk. But the correspondent said he witnessed the birth of one wave of saucersightings when several geo-physical research rockets were launched. They left a brightly coloured sodium cloud floating in the sky. Immediately letters started pouring into the Pravda office reporting flying saucers. The campaign against UFOs years ago included uncanny reluctant to talk publicly about

and ethnographers. Last year the journal Soviet Ethnography maintained that the popular idea that the saucers are piloted by what the Russians call "ufonauts" or "humanoids" was nothing more than a modernized version of the old fairy stories about people en-countering evil spirits—devils, witches, wood-goblins, water-

Last year also the paper Zhurnalist published a theory that the unidentified flying objects were really only zones of very highly ionized air or zones of chemoluminescence. Depending on its chemical composition, such a zone could assume all kinds of hues, and an encounter with one could have fatal consequences for the pilot of an aircraft. The paper said this expliined, for example, the disappearance of a whole flight of American military air-

sprites and so on.

Bermuda triangle. Popular theories are far more romantic. A woman maintained that icons painted hundreds of

craft above the notorious

UFOs. And one young man I know now refuses to visit his uncle because he cannot stand the constant talk of flying

The belief now has such a grip on the population that it has almost assumed ideological overtones, and the anti-source campaign is being directed by the very highest party circles. Inevitably this means that all public discussion of the matter is now subject to political authorization. The taboos are such that some Soviet journa-

lists have been unable to put forward their theories for years. Strange luminous effects, similar to tigantic fireworks, were observed in the Petrozavodsk area, near Finland, in 1977 and inevitably set off a chain of rumours; but the scientific explanations had to wait until they were fully approved after leagthy discus-

The Sovier Academy of Sciences is said to have a number of bodies that have been investigating UFOs for some years, but its members are

what they have found and the academy has not published any reports on the subject. People say that Soviet cosmo-

hauts have seen flying saucers.
This was one of the first questions to the cosmonauts who spent the best part of six months up in the orbiting space station Salyut-6.

"Ground control cheerfully told us once that flying saucers were floating around us," the commander, Georgi Grechko, replied." We looked in the video-scanner and in fact there was something rather similar not far from the spaceship, but it turned out to be containers with our rubbish, which followed Salyut-6 until we changed

Prayda asserted a few weeks ago that no Soviet cosmonaut has ever seen a spacecraft the utophiles this is no more convincing that Mr Khrushchev's reported statement, demonstrating the falsity of religion, that Yuri Gagarin bad never seen an angel.

Michael Binyon



start of the 1980s Singapore is aring to enter the second phase of its as an independent nation. During the ing decade it should both transform coromy and renew its political leader-The two processes have already been n motion by a government which likes iticipate the future.

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· July a policy to raise to meet increased demand by 20 per cent a year for medical care, education, he next three to four travel and leisure, and also came into effect. Its because of Singapore's role is to force as a centre for banking, switch from computer software, comprocesses munications and consultancy skills are services

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which commands popular support and can hold party and country together. Some observers feel that tensions may soon come to the surbetween these young

technocrats, who were edu-cated in English-language schools and universities, and group of older, experienced men who received a Chinese language

education.

As it contemplates the future, the PAP seems particularly concerned about political apathy among the population and the dilution of traditional Chinese values such as respect for one's parents and the state, and the willingness to work hard.

As far as the depolitions

As far as the de-politicize tion of Singaporean life is concerned, the PAP is largely the victim of its own success. The party has been so efficient in crushing the apposition and raising levels of prosperity that few of prosperity that few people feel there are any political causes left worth

fighting for. In the last three elections the PAP has won every seat in Parliament Nevertheless, in Parliament. Nevertheless, it fights each campaign with a vigour which would make you think its survival was at stake and, once elected. MPs are expected to work bard at cultivating their constituencies.

Additional links with the electorate are provided by

electorate are provided by People's Associations. These operate in every housing estate under the leadership of PAP members and enable of PAP members and enable the party both to get its message across to the voters and to keep in touch with what the latter are thinking.

Any activity which is judged prejudicial to the stability of the country is rigorously suppressed. In a report published earlier this year on a mission it sent to year on a mission it sent to Singapore in 1978, Amnesty International accused the Government of violating the following human rights: freedom from terture and cruel and inhuman treatment; freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention; equality before the law; the right to a fair and public trial; freedom of con-

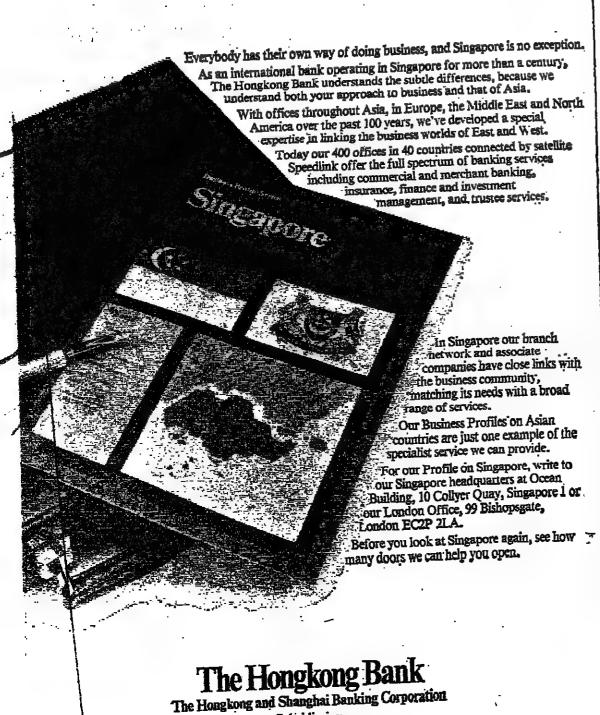
science. The report criticized in particular the use made of particular the use made of the Internal Security Act which, it said, gave the authorities "almost unli-mited powers of arbitrary arrest and preventive deten-tion"; and had been "con-solidated by the post-indesolidated by the post-inde-pendence Government of Lee Kuan Yew into a means to stifle political dissent in the republic". It drew attennon to three men—Dr Lin Hock Siew, Ho Piao and Lee Tse Tong—who have been in detention without trial for 17 years and "are now among the longest-term political prisoners in the

The opposition parties in Singapore accuse the Government variously of estab-lishing a state where human values are lacking and crea-

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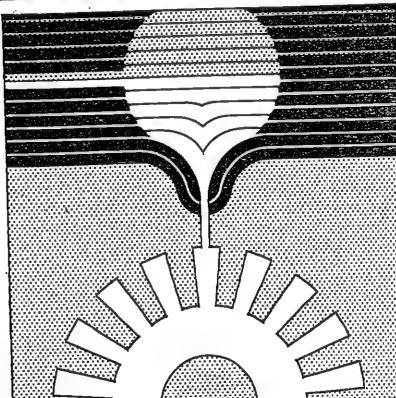
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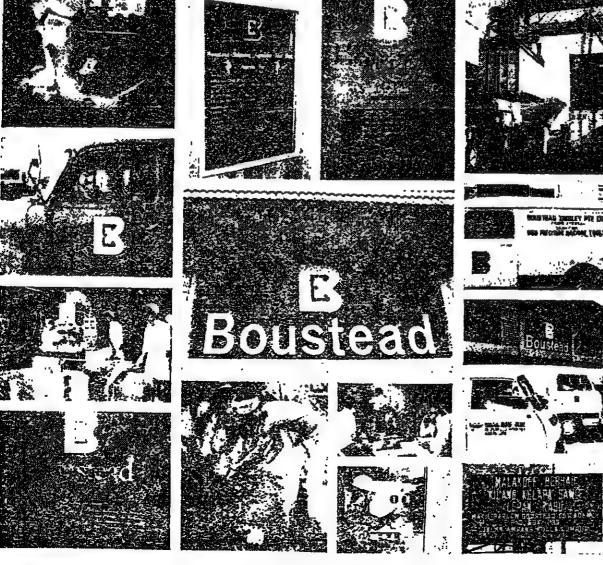
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of the industrial countries, with the 1979 figure provisignally estimated at 9.3 per

In terms of prices Singapore has also done well, with the gross domestic pro-duct deflator ranging be-tween 2 and 4 per cent. For a decade now, the Singapore economy has been following a policy of being open to the rest of the world—in particular, the industrielized countries—at the same time being closed in the sense of adopting internal economic policies which differ from those of the rest of the

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rapid growth in the 1960s would have no place in Singapore today, Instead, he

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sive, higher technology era, now popularly referred to as its second industrial re-

Low value-added industries either have to upgrade

or else be priced out of the market by higher labour

micals and pharmaceuticals, electronic instrumentation,

optical instruments, precision engineering, medical and surgical apparatus.
While most of the list

peripheral equipment and

recommending the highest wage increase since 1973, the NWC said it was proposing a high wage policy in order to restructure the economy to a higher technological level through higher productivity and better wages. The Economic Development Board, the Govern-

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communications, manufacturing, and trade. These others.

As an example of the prowth rate achieved, which has so far been above the official avoided budget deficits, presures of 5 to 8 per cent. In 1979 Singapore did even savings of the people, which better than South Kores and Taiwan, though not as well as Hongkong.

Other places in the world are as open as Singapore but it is the combination of different factors which makes the city doubly attractive. Singapore is as lend or invest their money that has all the facilities of a structive conditions it procisity three times its size. It was all the facilities of a structive conditions it procisity three times its size. It was all the facilities of a structive conditions it process the structure of the provise of the people, which makes a small population—little short of 2,500,000—and the structure is summer to 2,500,000—and the structure is committed to free the summer power politics despite its summer guages issues.

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All children must have a reasonable command of a

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this run by a government which is in the twenty-first year of fulfilling the socialist platform on which it came into power but, today, even the companies owned by the Government are as capitalistic as those attracted to Singapore by its total absence of economic nationalism.

The Singapore success story (if 15 years is sufficient for success to be more than just a passing phase) points to the existence of good management as existal.

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> ing of labour and the invest- feeling more an ment of capital to comple effect of rising ment labour—rather than On balance, ion of capital as has happened success story in the past—the Govern- for some time. Notice has been given that

ing electronics, shipbuilding, economic ford entrepot trade, banking, for elsewhere textiles and hotels. conditions con are signs that the

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industries which have already begun opera-tions in Singapore, the most A welder at work in a construction industry. exciting new development is factory where household into computers, computer refrigerators are made.

cessions for export of computer software packages.

The way ahead for Singapore managed to survive the crisis because of pore now looks as challenging as when it first took the path of industrialization in lems arose because a low the 1960s. Little did it reading then that it would achieve the second highest then that it would achieve the second highest standard of living in Asia after Japan.

The first industrial revolution began in the 1960s of the wage in the 1960s and the second division of middle the industrial structure was shown to be largely based towards a higher value towards a hi when, faced with difficulties dustries to continue expand- new schemes were intro- added industries rose only of economic growth and ing with more labour rather duced to help both worker from \$400m to \$800m over

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Economic Expansion Incen- way that are of greater ries. Producing first for the In 1979, there were rives Act, which was aimed magnitude than anything in home market and later for already more than 100,000 at promoting labour-intensive the past. of labour-intensive inclus-tries. Producing first for the world markets, its export- guest workers, mostly from industries, had already been. There oriented strategy found Malaysia and working in the amended twice in 1970 and Sumitomo

"Singapore is cought in a value-added industries. doing in getting bind of low wages, low productivity and low skills domestic product in real its first phase in apply which, if continued to the terms grew at 9.3 per cent. Singapore's artist

peripheral equipment and software development.

This sector is expected to blosom into an export-oriented computer industry generating an annual revenue of \$200m within a decade. A new venture for technology transfer is being worked out and a training institute, the Singapore provided. The uxport strategy planal Institute of Information Technology, will be set up by next year if things go as planned.

In all, the new industry could see some 20,000 highly skilled staff being trained, while incentives chemes run from accelerated depreciation for hardware and generous tax concessions for export of computer software packages.

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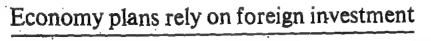
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This portrait of labour in Singapore was drawn up last year for Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prima Minister, by the Economic Development Board (EDB) on the basis of the company the manufacturing process the company to the basis of the company to the company which is impationt, the period of the land and the United States are about 90 and 50 per last year for Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prima Minister, by the Economic Development Chloride, Dunlop, GEC. ICI, the contraction of the company to the manufacturing process there was too great. In the company to the period of the company to the period of the company to the company weighed up to the United States are about 90 and 50 per cent respectively.

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as a supplier of other South-East Asian countries, the EDB is suggesting thar operations.

Although the official expressed disappointment at the slow growth of British investment in Singapore it appears to be keeping up with that of other countries. Indeed, the arrival of new-comers to the island and expansion of facilities by expansion of facilities by in 1979 were the United companies already estab States and Australia, but ished there are impressive when compared with British activity in other parts of the

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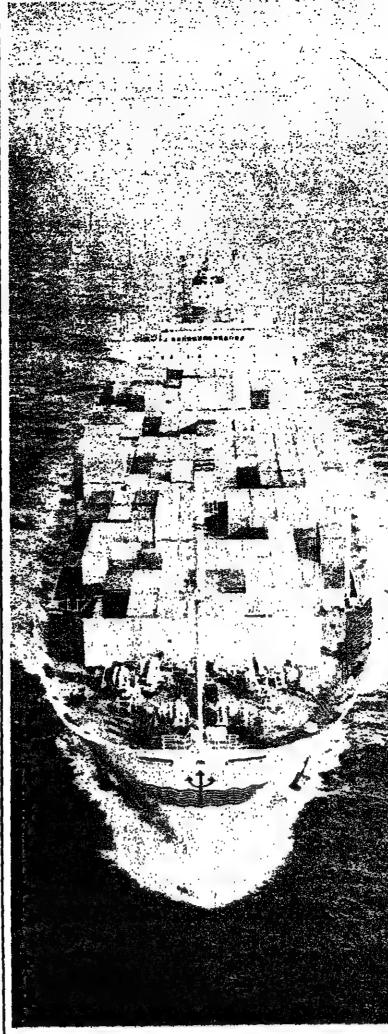
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pore factory was the first new manufacturing unit to me w manufacturing unit to singapore was chosen because of its location, its political stability and its politica Like Dynacast, Lesney has been granted a five-year tax

About 92 per cent of Les ney's output, which comprises bath toys and plastic injection moulds for other toy manufacturers, exported. The main markets this year Mr Dick Flewitt, the managing director, expects Europe to account for 50 per cent of sales Among the newcomers worth between \$9.5m and are Hunton International, 110m (£2m). Mr Flewitt said which is manufacturing 10 that production costs were at ton and five-ud-a-half-ton

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Goading its people towards a better life

The search for a national The declining level identity, given the cultural Singapore's 2,400,000 popula- first tion, its geographical proximity to two large Muslim neighbours among the ASEAN grouping, and its hitherto cool relations with China, has for long preoccupred certain Government-in-spired sectors of the con-

quest has taken several turns and significant policy decisions touching on ple with the challenges that and moral values among the will confront it before the younger citizens. turn of the century.

As the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, and the most senior members of his 20-year-old Cabinet move to hand over the reins of lea- ment insists that a large dership within the next five majority of Singaporeans years or so, they appear entering the workforce are determined to pass on a set of tested policies, which with adjustments, may ensure the continuous and harmonious development of

The ruling People's Action Party has been able effectively to wield both the carrot and the stick to instil social disciplines in a community which until two official forecasts that there decades ago bad scant will be more old people, respect for authority, and defined as persons above 60 was obsessed with narrow and no longer economically

Malay has remained the national language of Sirga-pore despite the fact that ethnic Chinese make up pore's family planning promore than 75 per cent of gramme, initiated more than the population. English, 10 years ago, is largely meanwhile, has remained responsible for this. The the main medium of instrucinstitutions of learning. Less than a year ago, before a visit by Mr Lee and several members of his Cabinet to

both written and spoken English was among the defects Teachers, and even senior civil servants, have since the been attending refresher its courses, and a drive to recseveral teachers from the United Kingdom is well under way.

At about the same time, a courtesy campaign launched—short-lived paigns, with the exception of the green and clean city education and culture, made drive, are a regular feature in the last year, indicate a on the island—and now new sense of urgency as the greater emphasis is being Government plans to grap- placed on instilling social

Apart from taking young alleged lack of respect for rugged young Singaporeans has yet to materialize, save for a handful of young men and women who particle harmonious development of pated in Outward Bound Singapore in a region and similar programmes, becoming increasingly tense. and those doing compulsory national service.)

Efforts to bring about the youth stem largely from productive. A drop in the voung expected to follow.

The success of Singagrow to about 2,800,000 by 1982, and stabilize at about 3,500,000 30 years from now.

In June 1979, 7.1 per cent of the population of demand 2,362,000 were above 60, and Singapore's dependence 16.9 per cent above 40. In foreign 20 years time major changes out of



A parking warden at work. The importance of social disciplines is emphasized.

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The prospect per capita annual income rather than innovators of cardinal and specialized services for an area of outstanding properties. young people below the age of 30 supporting those of 30 supporting those above 50 is likely within the next 30 years.

However, for given labour and workers — 200,000 a workforce of

including those more phys by benign neglect, are being the carriage of goods and ically demanding, or allow remedied. The Deputy tourists en route from the to two, this limitation moved to the Ministry of centre for South-east Asia, being a sore point still Education, and even the enters a new phase of conwith some sections of the Foreign Minister, Mr S. solidation with two of the Asian communities who Rajaratnam, spends as much three multi-million dollar believe that each child is an time propounding the economic asset. Malaysians importance of social and dominate the foreign work moral values as he does in force, followed by those condemning both the Viet months.
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tinent and other ASEAN in different parts of the shead th

Singapore's success has been largely clear-cut economic policies which brook little internal criticism, and

Cirizens who were born immediately after the significance to Singapore.
Second World War and who The island brown the attended schools modelled partly on British lines have found the changes over the past 10 to 15 years often irksome. Others have adopted an approach almost of indifference, accepting that new social disciplines their best commercial in-terests. They grudgingly accept the present regime. Last year's aconomic per-

formance was especially revealing. The gdp rose 9.3

Against this background economic improvement ship, the Government, and especially those leaders likely to step down, have begun to look back and take education

The campaign to teach cost of some \$1,500m, will Mandarin, launched so that begin operations by June Chinese communities who next year. It represents the used different dialects could largest project ever under-use a common tougue, is also aimed at a clear line of communication with China. The economic opportunities in China are of considerable lacal element involved in significance in Singapore

The island knows that ject, Singapore has finally competition from its ASEAN achieved a transfer of highneighbours is growing level Malaysia and Indonesia are cherished goalenjoying unprecedented high prices for their com-

poreans may have to settle for being citizens of the 17 million passengers each world rather than continue year, a target which might

end of this decade.

Big new airport to open next year

Singapore will either have system, some of them Singapore's calculated partially completed before Financial deterrents, in The rapid devel to take on the less necessitated by political moves to establish itself as precipility mental chores, expediency, others caused the air and sea junction for tional. The distance between entry fee to the central particular the control of the central particular the central part ically demanding, or allow remedied. The Deputy tourists en route from the of the tourist belt, and business district during minal makes the even more foreigners to Prime Minister, Dr Gob tourists en route from the of the tourist belt, and business district during minal makes the even more foreigners to Prime Minister, Dr Gob the state to the Far East and Changi airport, some 16 peak hours in the morning, star of the commercial time and higher road registration sector, which in to develop the island state limitation of the family unit defence portfolios, has into the communications than 30 minutes. The deter private car ownership, all economic sector wo, this limitation moved to the Ministry of Orchard Road, in the heart the projects becoming opera-and fronzl, and another being

implemented, in the next 15 develop a port in an area adjacent to the new airport but so far no firm decision shead the new international been taken. The rate of airport at Changi, built at a Pava Lebar airport remains as a strike base. The traffic moving.

Ministry of Communications The proposed bus rail sysis believed to be considering tem is now viewed as technical temporal system. various proposals

the development of the pro-The Minister of Communications recently introduced in Parliament a Bill which technology—e About a bundred profes to in sionals from the Public Rapid to implement the Mass Transport system modities and mineral Works Department were (MRT) which has been on least resources. The advantage that Singapore held in the beginning of the 1970s has been eroded, and the island labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first Winesch and the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first Winesch and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the stand labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the first will be closer the standard labour force of about 4,000, to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$2,000m and the standard labour force of about 4,000 to \$

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There have been plans to point in the existing road 43,600,000 tonnes.

system will be reached once 80 million tonnes this ratio drops to oue in A Mass Rapid Transport

system in operation before 10,300,000 tonnes uncertain. There is speculation that it will be used for the end. of this decade, general axiation services or together with more punitive alternatively, be acquired by measures, could well be the the Armed Porces for use only answer to keeping the only answer to keeping the PSA the amount base. The traffic moving. The proposed bus rail sys and Jurong port tem is now viewed as rech. significantly in-

nically and economically feasible and it is expected that tenders will be called for both ground breaking and construction of the basic system by the end of 1982. Funding will be the least of problems the Gov-ernment will face should it seek partial private finan-" With all these glamorous

now needs new markets for many of whom were restage of development could and multi-million pound proits products and services.

Moving into middle-level Changi airport receives its years after a policy decision licity is given to Singapore's technology is proving more first passengers, tentatively has been taken. It is pre-eminence as an interdifficult than was expected, in May next year, annual believed that Government national port, considered several other training. pore in the next century may find their role reduced to that of the middle man—to that of the middle man—to that of the middle man—there than innovators of through Paya Lebar airport devices for an area of outstanding potential.

While being prodded and persuaded towards a better quality of life than that of their neighbours, Singapore and successful develop—is a one-stop facility for ship—ment of a similar system in owners and operators who in the similar system in owners and operators who in the similar system in owners and operators who in the similar system in owners and operators who in the similar system in owners are able not only to distance the interest of the interest of the interest of the interest of



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avasion of its neighbour as ments there. "A Soviet war through a Vietnamese proxy". Among the members of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN). Singapore, for example, has pore has been the most outsport and takes part in occasional mese and none can have heen more pleased by the ASEAN success last year in It has also carried out exercises in Australia and New third country.

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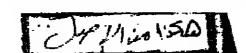
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Mr S. Rajaramem, the of State for Foreign Affairs, a leading role, with partial that its partners mis success, was the campaign about its establish referred to the Vietnamese would depend on development of its reliable. special relationship China if it is the

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RMULA FOR AUTONOMY NEEDED

Carter has invited both Sadar and Mr Begin im in Washington nextt, contrary to the first om Tel Aviv, they will eparately, not together. t to be a repeat of the id conference.

probably just as well, difficult to see how 'amp David conference ge could help the situae Middle East. In the an election year, Presi-ter would inevitably, immediate impact on public opinion upper-is mind. It would be tim that the conference succeed" in the sense ing an agreement, irresof that agreement's ontent and longer-term ns. He would therefore it pressure on both make concessions, and of them refused to cessions would have to red for a public conwith the United States ent. But when faced kind of pressure the es are not on an equal

t be thought that Israel sore vulnerable, since 9 no visible alternative an support, in weapons sh, whereas Egypt can, at least, always revert an-Arab allegiance and t alignment. In the long may be correct, though a complete withdrawal can support from Israel lifficult to imagine. In

should be concerned about the possibility of permanently alienating the United States, all Israeli leaders, and indeed Israeli public opinion, are used to the idea that American pressure has from time to time to be resisted. Assured of the support of a powerful body of opinion within the United States, Israel is most unlikely to make significant concessions to pressure from an American President without first appealing over his head to Congress and the electorate. In an election year especially, an Israeli leader would embark on any such battle with considerable self-confidence.

President Sadat, by contrast, has no ready-made American constituency to which he can appeal against presidential pressure. His American strategy is based essentially on a close relationship with the President, and accessorily on the presenta-tion of himself to the American public in such a way as to give the President some room for manoeuvre, some hope of winning a battle with the sup-porters of Israel should he need, in Egypt's interest, to embark on one. President Sadat may occasionally allow his newspaper editors to criticize Mr Carter as he did after the latter's public disavowel of his delegate's vote in the Security Council. But it is very hard to imagine him coming back from a summit in the United States to tell the Egyptians that Mr Carter had let . him down, or had tried to impose on him an unacceptable solution. t term, the reverse is Such a statement would amount

true. While any Israeli leader to an admission that his whole strategy had failed. It would leave him without allies except those whom he has reviled and spurned-the Russians and the Arabs and who would hardly take him back now except on the most humiliating terms.

The chances are, meretore, that a new Camp David now would end either in a damaging breach between America and Egypt or, more likely, in acceptance by Mr Sadat, under intense pressure from Mr Carrer, of an only slightly modified version of Mr Begin's autonomy plan. This would be presented as a major achievement and might perhaps help Mr Carter to secure re-election. But it would be unlikely to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East, since it would have little chance of attracting Palestinian or wider Arab support. Peace between Israel and Egypt could be and was achieved by metaphorically banging the heads of the two countries' leaders together. Peace with the Palestinians and other Arabs cannot be achieved by banging an Egyptian head.

President Carter must know this, and it is therefore to be hoped he will have the sense not to try and stage a repeat of Camp David during the election com-paign. What is needed now is not agreement between Israel and Egypt for its own sake but a formula for Palestinian autonomy sufficiently generous and openended for moderate Palestinians to feel it worth involving themselves in it and moderate Arab governments to feel it worth sup-

NS OF MONETARY CONTROL

of the money supply is he centre of economic is therefore important techniques used for ig it should be as effecpossible. The Governeen paper on the use of ry base system for conhe growth of the money about the advantages illy changing the preem of monetary control. aper deals with three and avoids a fourth ought to have included. at what measure of ight to be used, the role it rates in making contive, and the scope for thinical adjustments in:

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The paper is, however, sound on those issues which it does discuss. In recent months there has been a growing debate about whether we should change to what is described as a "monetary base " system. The technical differences between such a system and the one currently used are complex; the issues are straightforward. All of the proposals for use of a monetary

base essentially imply that the authorities should give up attempts to administer short term movements in interest rates and should switch to a system where movements occur automatically whenever monetary growth gets out of line with the government's The advantage claimed for that system is that it would allow and more certain correction of the growth in money

supply, thus leading to a smoother path of monetary. The right policy for the growth Since medium term per Government to pursue is to formence is just the sum of acinevements over the short term, it is also claimed that the sovernment would be more for that measure. But in doing likely to achieve its longer term this it must avoid trying to distargets. The problem is that there is no knowing that any of the systems on offer would in fact. crucial importance in lead to a smoother growth in the money supply. Changes in inter-est rates do in time deed to changes in bank lending and thus. ppe of the present paper, in the money supply. But home; ailure of sales of Governis just what is wanting if the

reading about the degree of pene-tration that the Militant Ten-

dency has been seeking at local

level, that it had already largely taken over the party. But there

is all important sense in which

the purposes and the nature of the activities of any fringe group

are relevant to its relationship

The party's constitution stipu-

lates that people are not eligible

for membership if they also

belong to political organizations

having their own programme, brinciples and policy for distinc-tive and separate propaganda, or

numerous constituencies. It is the

activity that counts not the

degree of its success, and the

activities described in the Underhill report suggest that

the Militant Tendency ought to be proscribed if the NEC is

taking the party constitution seriously—unless it does not

accept the accuracy of the evidence presented to it by its

upstantiated rhatges in live and separate propaganda, or the that everyone should passessing branches in the consists that everyone should passessing branches in the consists that it would be attracted. "It does not go action upon it if, on the constituencies." It does not go action upon it if, on the constituencies that for an action upon it if, on the constituencies then it was both fully penetrated the party or its rand imprudent for the branches must have taken over numerous constituencies. It is the

EVIDENCE THEY CHOSE TO IGNORE

on monetary growth and large changes would involve more shocks to the financial system than could be justified by the limited gains to be achieved. The Government is thus right to be sceptical about the case for making a change towards a monetary base system.

The authorities are also right to have decided to stay with the current measure of money supply, sterling M3, when deciding which particular yardstick to use in setting their targets. There are two temptations. One is to set a multiplicity of targets and try to achieve them all, with the risk of achieving none. The other is to become obsessed with the search for a perfect definition of money. All measures of the total money supply are imperfect, but the imperfections are not on a scale to invalidate their use.

choose one measure of the money supply and to make sure that it achieves its targets tort the statistics in its favour. That is exactly what the spread of controls such as Supplemen-'taky Special Deposits ("the corset") have done. It is a welcome sign of awareness of the danger of these measures that this is to be abolished, and that the reserve assets ration, which of the move in step with proving in performance is to move in step with proving the performance is to the reserve assets ration, which is ineffective as a check on the soundness of banks and which should have been soundness in interest rates d. Small changes in interest rates ought to have no part in monetary control, is also to go.

If that is the case, as some

reported comments indicate, the

NEC has an obligation both to

the party and to the public to

specify its reasons for rejecting

the document. The report alleges.

with supporting evidence, that the Militant Tendency is a

national political organization

with its own policy, its own headquarters and printing shop, and its own full-time staff and

If such activities are allowed to

proceed unchecked then the Militair Tendency may indeed

infiltrate the party to the extent

that it is seeking to do. In which

case the Labour Parry would cease to be an acceptable instru-ment of government. This trend

can be countered in two ways.

The first is through the NEC.

The list of proscribed organiza-

tions, which it scrapped in 1973,

needs to be reopened for the sake

of preserving democracy within

the party. But there should also

be a deliberate effort to broaden

the base of the party at local

level. It is when constituency

parties are very small that they

can easily be taken over by an

unrepresentative,

clique.

extremist

afea organizations.

Passive resistance has not been noticeable in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, despite

Sir, the major deterrent to the Russians from doing to us what they have done to the countries of Eastern Europe is our nuclear deterrent, which makes any invasion of the United Kingdom by Russia a most improbable gamble for them. l am, sir, your obedient servant,

MARTIN RUSSELL, March 17.

From Mr C. C. Turpin

that the British public is induced to submit to the risk of nuclear war. Will the Secretary of State for Defence give us the assurance that "these weapons will in no circumstances be used "? Obviously not: nuclear weapons are undoubtedly intended to be used in certain circumstances. Unhappily the events

stumble upon the blackened earth and breath the poisoned air? What then will be their heritage and their hope, in bitter struggle among ruined titles and devastated fields for contaminated food and water? As society disintegrates into bandings are in marchalled into the former. of an iron tyrange, will people rejoice that their nuclear weapons have done their work, and saved the West from Russia dominion ?.

C. C. TURPIN. Clare College, Cambridge. March 18.

PETER MORRISON, House of Commons. March 19.

From Professor Charles Gibbs-Smith Sir. As a tail-piece to your letter about the choughs in the Everest area, may I remind your readers that these remarkable birds may be seen at any time in the Birnese Oberland, especially on the Jung-fraujoch, on the Brienzerrothorn, and at Mürren-

On the Joch (11,340ft) one can have wonderful close-up views of these birds, with their bright yellow beaks, and huge fully-spread tails, as they wheel endlessly over the snow: their Swiss name is bergdoblen, and owing to their scaveng-ing habits are not popular with hoteliers; but they are among the finest and most versatile gliders in nature, although one seldom sees their feats mentioned in guide

Yours faithfully, CHARLES H. GIBRS SMITH, St Augustine's Vicarage, 117 Queens Gate, 5W7. March 19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peril of nuclear warfare

From Mr Martin Russell

Sir, I read with interest the very logical letter from Professor Farmer (March 15). But his argument is viriated by the two curious sentences: "While we have nuclear weapons on our soil we will be a target for nuclear attack. Without these, whatever else may happen, there will be no incentive to an enemy to attack with nuclear weapons if only because he would have a useless devastated land to

Professor Farmer has forgotten the experience of Japan. As the Japanese had no nuclear weapons, the United States was able to procure a quick surrender by dropping only two nuclear bombs, and that was only for the purpose of demonstrating the existence of such weapons of war. If the United King-dom had no nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union could do the same to us and probably without dropping any bombs on us at all. The mere threat would secure capitulation.

Professor Farmer believes in resisting non-violently "any power that would seek to destroy or conquer us", I am not aware that non-violent resistance has ever been tried successfully, except in India where it was already the imention of successive British Governments to effect a gradual transfer of power.

the sufferings, decrivations and humiliations which the Soviet Union has inflicted on those countries. The reason for this is that all serious opposition is "liquidated".

62 Eaton Place, SWL.

Sir. Mr Francis Pym, addressing an audience in Cambridge on March. 15, said of the cruise missiles which it is proposed to station in Britain,
"These weapons exist not to be

It is by obfuscations such as this which might precipitate their use and its catastrophic aftermath are far from being under our control.

Lord Belstead, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, also offers words of comfort. He predicts (The Times, March 17) that 15 million Britons would survive an all-out nuclear strike, and twice as many if we shall have bought and studied the Government's new handbook. This is, at best, another dangerous half-truth, for what will survival mean? As the survivors emerge hungry, shocked and desperate from deep bunkers and makeshift shel what will they see, as they Yours faithfully,

Counting the House

From Mr Peter Morrison, 'MP for the City of Chester (Conservative) Sir, Today's leader (March 19) entitled "Mrs Thatcher's Dissidents" is incorrect in one small but important way. You state that those who supported the Prime Minister's stand on the Morcow Observing auxil stand on the Moscow Olympics numhered slightly under half the whole House. In fact, the reverse is the case: 315 MPs voted for the motion and to them must be added two Tellers, making 317 in all. "As your readers will know the Speaker and three Deputs Speaker and three Deputs of the state of the three Deputy Speakers do not vote: and on Monday, Teddy Taylor had not taken his sear; so that the total number who were able to vote added up to 630 (635 less five). Hence 317 is just more than half.

Of course, if one were to take account of delegations abcoad and Members who were sick on the night, the figure could have been substantially higher. The majority for the Government motion was 168, the largest majority on a vote of any importance in this Parliament-Yours faithfully,

Everest high-fliers

vehicles use.

BBC programme on Welsh arsonists

From Mr Eric Wyn Roberts Sir, Much of Mr Keith Best's letter (March 19) is quite unexceptionable but it leaves the real issues involved

He refers to "a group of hooligans in a pub", his use of the spmewhat leaded word "hooligans" being, I suspect, for effect. In fact. I doubt whether the young people in question spend their leisure hours at fire-raising, nor are they likely to do so. The significance of their posturing is that this is a symptom of the feelings of resentment and dissatisfaction so widely felt in Wales today.

An entire culture today finds itself in a siege situation and to many the Westminster government seem, to be, at the least, insensitive to the situation. The Conservative government's deliberate abandonment of its manifesto promises on the future of TV broadcasting in Wales, its failure to see that whilst its raw monetarism may spell salvation for one region it will mean widespread misery for another, its cynical withdrawal of special development area status for Caernarfon and Merioneth who had the temerity and Merioneth who had the temerry to return Plaid Cymru members while Anglesey retained its status for returning Mr Best are but a few items in the catalogue of acts and attitudes which are all seen to be weakening the already desperate state of the Welsh nation.

These resemments are felt not only by activists but by normally moderate law-abiding citizens. Our children receive'a daily ration of English (or American) TV programmes and it is perhaps ironic. that they see the exploits of that revered English folk-hero Robin Hood. He is apparently to be admired for indulging in "terrorist" activities in defence of a culture under attack from the wicked Norman. Let us hope that such a provocative TV programme such a provocative TV programme does not drive the youth of Wales

boowness; edi cidi Yours faithfully, ERIC WYN ROBERTS, Four Mile Bridge, Holyhead, Gwynedd.

From Mr Leo Abse, MP for Pontypool (Labour) Sir. What, asks the Chairman of the BBC (March 15), with an assumed ingenuousness, is the fuss about?

Declared arsonists and recently released ex-criminals have had a full opportunity, without challenge, and kithout any contrary expression of opinion, to present their incire-ments on a national programme. The police have insisted the appearance of an officer on the programme was without their knowledge and bordered on deceit; that the comments the officer made was for another programme and irrespo sibly torn out of context; and that the programme has put back the programme "has put back enquiries weeks if not months". The minister of religion appearing in the programme has stated he was horrified" that his recorded condemnation of the fire raisers had been deliberately expunge

The Director of BBC News has rejuctantly admitted under my questioning in a subsequent programme that the police were not informed of the BBC's filming of

were handed over to the unidentified arsonist for travelling to Cardiff for the interview. The programme, which it is proudly claimed by the BBC has a large viewing audience of youngsters, lingered long and hard on badges displayed by puffigue hearing the displayed by ruffians bearing the literally inflammatory legend "Strike a match for Wales": and to ensure the arsonist should not

be disadvantaged by the sequence which the Chairman describes as simply a silent shot", the docu-ment in Welsh he was shown to have handed over to the BEC was obligingly translated and its crimiobjectives spelt out uncritically to viewers. Would it, in the light of these facts, help the Chairman of the BBC to understand why Wales is in such a "fuss" if I put to him

these questions :-Does the BBC feel it has any less obligation than a private citizen to inform the police immediately of any information it possesses which could lead to the arrest of rampaging arsonists?

Does it regard itself as free to collude with fire raisers and pay them public money for travelling expenses which could so easily go towards the financing of the next campaign?

Does it now accept the Chief Constable of North Wales asser-tion that the BBC's intervention has given the arsonists weeks if not months to continue with their acti-

Why was no alternative condemnatory view to the fire raisers presented on the programme, and why, since both a Plaid Cymru MP and myself had agreed to participate is a programme on the motivation of the arsonists, was neither of us invited to the studio?

And since the publicising of the burning of isolated cottages is, for the purpose of the fire raisers, more important than the arson itself, why did not the BBC recognize it was essential that in no circumstances should a programme be so unbal-anced that it could be believed by viewers that the overwhelming majority silently condones this majority stelling countries the bBC, in the public interest, even consider the consequences, as a result of such an unbalanced and unchallenged xenophobic display, upon our tourist trade and our attempts to attract industrialists inmour hard pressed Principality?

Those of us who are as jealuis as the Chairman that the BBC retains its independence free from outside political pressure are dismayed at its readiness to provide, by a programme of this character, so much ammunition to its critics. Yours sincerely, LEO ABSE. House of Commons.

From Mr Hugh Williams Sir, Thank you for your thoughtful leader on arsonists (March 20), but I wish to correct one matter of fact : no information was given in the Nationwide report which we had been asked by the police to with-

March 17.

HUGH WILLIAMS. Editor. BBC. TV " Nationwide ", Lime Grove Studios, W12. - March 20.

Aid for Zimbabwe

From Lord Lovell-Davis

Sk. Your editorial today (March 18) highlights one of the current dilemmas of the British aid pro-gramme. Admittedly, the task of reconstruction awaiting us in Zim-babwe is beyond the capacity of Britain alone; but to relate this to money and the goods to which it is intended to be tied is to abet a feliacy which has already misinformed much recent discussion of

The income and employment effect of ned export; is only one. of the beaefits of an active over-seas development pelicy. Of equal importance for a nation living largely by trade is oversess invest-ment. Not only does this bring benefits for the balance of pay-ments through a regular flow of returns in excess of the capital invested it also settires and expands overseas markets for the investor through a long-term off-take of components and services.

Recent studies in Sweden, Germeny, the Netherlands and the United States have confirmed that there is a range of benefits accruing from foreign investment. The Treasury itself has subscribed

to this view and added for good measure that at least three-quarters of such investment in no way com-petes, with domestic investment. It must therefore be seen as an important dimension in the imperative process of investing long term the short-term income accruing to The private sector needs en-couragement in this area and institutions like the Commonwealth

Development Corporation here and in the rest of Europe exist for this purpose. Alone or together with some of Britain's commercial expertise in tropical agriculture, they can assist with the revival not only of industry and mining but the far more important one of commercial agriculture.

All this would be neither infla-tionary nor underwriting Zim-sabwe's budgetary deficit; with our own. It would be securing their future and ours: Or, as the Minister for Overseas Development expressed it on February 20, "Much can be doze with our aid programme which is to the mutual advantage of the developing countries and ourselves." ourselves ". Yours faithfully,

important schemes have been post-

poned for a decade or more. Nowhere has this failure to invest

in better roads been more obvious-than in London—and we are naying the price in the cost of continuing

congestion, throughout the working day, in retaining unsuitable traffic on local residential and shopping

streets, and in an unacceptably high

European cities now has neither an

outer nor inner by-oass, although its outer by-pass (the M25) is very

slowly being completed, many years

late. But replacements for collec-

Circular are not yet even on the

drawing boards of the transport

In the past, there has been a tendency for some to make short-

term political capital out of the

potential disruption road schemes

could cause to an area. Major schemes were scrapped with little thought of the long term problems

We believe that we have now

reached a rather more balanced

stage, whereby the undoubted bene-

fits road amprovements give can better be measured against the

aggravations they cause. Last year

an Early Day Motion in the Com-

mons urging a better road network

for our capital received tremendous support from both major parties.

There is no doubt that Greater

that would be caused.

rather than later.

CYRIL D. TOWNSEND.

PETER BOTTOMLEY,

House of Commons.

Yours frithfully,

London alone of major Western

level of road accidents.

planners.

LOVELL DAVIS. House of Lords. March 18.

Transport in London

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexlepheath (Conservative) and Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Greenwich, Woolwich West (Conservative) Sir, The beadline you have consistently given to the present correspondence apitumises all that is wrong with this debate: with the best will in the world "Transport (policy) in London" is not just buses and tubes and trains. Two thirds of Londoners' personal

mileage is now undertaken by private car or motorbicycle. Every day 7 million journeys are made by car drivers and passengers in the GLC area gione. Particularly in the muter boroughs, private transport is far and away the most popular way-for people to get to work. Practically all of London's goods

are moved around by road, the equivalent of nearly 100 tons each year for every household in the capital. As the 1973-77 GLC administration concluded. the amount that can be satisfactorily transferred to other modes is

London's economy is dependent upon efficient road transport. If public gransport in Loudon is, as the Chairman of London Transport claims (Merch 13), starved of funds in comparison with other cities, how much more so our that argument be used in relation to the basic infrastructure which road

During the 1970s the national road improvement programme was allowed to decline to a shadow of its former self: work in progress is now at one third of the level of 10 years ago. As a result many vitally

of solidarity the declared arsonist until 14 hours after the interview, whilst another BBC spokesman has said expenses From Mr C. B. Q. Nicholls

The added value

Sir, I am glad to see that Mrs Thatcher is proposing to withhold part of Britain's VAT contribution to the EEC. I trust the Customs and Excise will allow me to withhold part of my VAT contribution in Britain as a gesture of solidarity. Yours, etc. BENJAMIN NICHOLLS,

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Cuts in BBC music

From Mr Yehudi Menuhin Sir, Points concerning the value of retaining the BBC Scottish Sym-phony Orchestra have been made in your columns by my most emi-nent colleagues, and I should like to endorse them all. I am in the United States at present, and am unable therefore to judge the overall situation as accurately as I would like, but I offer the following for consideration in the hope that it may make a positive contribution towards saving regional music in Great Britain.

I would suggest firstly that the BBC and its threatened musicians come together to try to work out a possible solution to the present difficulties, and secondly, would it be out of place to suggest that the Musicians' Union contributes, say; one half of the royalites paid on recorded music towards an equiva-lent amount to prevent the sacrifice of the orchestras? At the same ume the musicious would receive an assurance of prolonged security of employment, with no pressure on them to have recourse to these funds for support during a scrike. Because of my absence from Britain I have no way of knowing whether these monies are automatically paid to the musicians or reserved for emergencies, in which case my suggestion may be totally invalid due to my own ighorance. Yours faithfully, YEHUDI MENUHIN, John F. Kennedy Centre,

Assisted places scheme From the High Master of the Manchester Grammar School

Washington DC.

March 18.

Sir. I am reluctant to challenge the Bishop of Manchester (March 13) but, since we both share an interest in the same city. I suggest that he seems to be taking too rigid a line. E-He affirms, and I agree, that it is the responsibility of Government " to improve the state schools where the vast majority of our children are educated especially in areas with special difficulties." No matter how sensitive one is to these special difficulties, it cannot be denied that there is a limited number of children in this city whose scademic gifts

for, say mathematics or modern languages are not being fully developed. The Bishop believes that to assist these children to attend the independent schools equipped to cope with them would prejudice the improvement of secondary education in general. For the sake of the system, therefore, he would sacrifice not only the needs of these child-ren but of a country which is desperately short of graduates in mathematics and modern languages. This is not a ploy to seek benefits for this school, which has already raised funds sufficient to endow over 35 new bursaries each year for boys of ability whose parents cannot afford the feas: it is a plea that other children similarly placed may be similarly assisted.

Finally if, as the Bishon claims. it is socially divisive to help those children from poorer homes, is it not equally divisive deliberately to deny them access to schools like this?

Yours faithfully. D. MALAND. Manchester Graninar School, March 13.

Slaughter of dolphins

From Mr A. K. del Strother Sir. Which is the worse, to kill dolptions in the belief that they are dolptins in the belief that they are ruining one's livelihood or to kill fish by towing them about on a sharp barbed book for as long as they are prepared to suffer? I am thinking of the marlin, that warderful ornament of the wide Southern ocean, uneatable and whose only enemy is man, of the shark, the salmon, even the humble grayling. Or instead of billing to inflire the Or, instead of killing, to inflict the face of the "coarse" fish, catching and keeping and eventual return with the probability of physical damage and reduced defence against

disease and predators?

A fish is a fish, and a dolphin is an animal which looks like a fish, so perhaps that makes the difference. The simple Japanese fishermen must wonder at the worldwide publicity given to their efforts to protect their livelihood. I do not wonder, but, as almost constantly in this muddled world, I am confused: Yours faithfully,

A. K. del STROTHER, 87 Rydens Road, Walton on Thames,

A useful tip

From H. Andrew Freeth, RA Sir, Your correspondent Norman Foster (March 15) is premature in saying that "the quill, alas, is no more". I am sure I am not the only artist who uses the quill (and, like Rembrandt, also the reed) for drawing.

There is no modern pen so flex-Thle and so responsive. I have, indeed, an antique penknife or quill cutter which cuts the shape of the pen, also cuts its fine slit and guil-lotines it if necessary. Yours faithfully, H. ANDREW FREETH,

London needs a better main road metwork and it needs it sooner 37 Eastbury Road, Northwood, Middlesez. March 17.

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age rate rises

error to assume, from former national agent. rates in the United States will force the minimum lending rate above its present 17 per cent.
This would in turn force the

mortgage interest rate above its present record 15 per cent.
Shelter is already helping families in severe financial difficulty because of the record mortgage rate. Some of these families have defaulted on on their mortgages, had their homes repossessed and found themselves homeless. Many more have now stretched their resources to the

limit. A further increase in the mortgage rate would break many fami-hies already in financial difficulties. It would also fly in the face of the Conservative election manifesto re is now a real danger that nhination of tight money, flation and soaring interest

mortgage interest rates deters some people from buying their homes and the reality can cause acute difficulties to those who have done so. Mortgage rates have risen steeply because of the Government's financial mismanagement. Our plans for cutting government spending and bor-

rowing will lower them ".

It is not Shelter's role to suggest economic policies to the Government. However, we would like to make it absolutely clear that another increase in the mortgage rate would not only break the Conservative's election manifesto pledge but also be a disaster for thousands of homebuyers. Yours faithfully, NEIL McINTOSH,

Director, 157 Waterloo Road, SEL March 19.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

March 20: The Duke of Edin-burgh visited HMS Royal Arthur (Captain, Commander M. D. Size-land, RN) at Corsham today and was received upon arrival by Her

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant fo Wiltshire (the Lord Margadale). His Royal Highness, attended by Wing Commander Antony Nicholson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron, this evening at Bucking-ham Palace received the Secretary of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs (Mr A. Gibbs) and the Secretary-designate (Mr R. Edwards) and afterwards visited Boys' Clubs in Rotherbithe and Southwark.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Weish Guards, this morning at Buckingham Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. L. Guthrie upon his relinquishing command of the 1st Bartalion and Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Rickett

His Royal Highness. President. The Friends of Covent Garden, attended a Chairman's Committee Meeting at Stamford House, Stam-ford Street, SE1.

Captain Anthony Asquith was in

Britain's

'earliest'

piano sells

for £3,200

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The earliest recorded plano

made in Britain was offered for

sale at Sotheby's vesterday from the collection of John

Boardwood and Sons and was

sold for £3,200 (estimate

£2,500 to £3,500) to the Wuert-tembergisches Landesmuseum,

It is an enharmonic square

£7,000 to £8,000), paid by

satinwood

piano made by Johannes Zumpe in 1766. The top price in the sale was £18,500 (esti-

R. Riley for a ravishingly pretty planoforte made by

William Southwell, of Dublin, around 1785: it has a hinged, semi-elliptical lid and is finely

in

The other historically significant inestument was John Isaac Hawkins's "portable grand pianoforte"; it dates from after 1803

and is claimed as the earliest known upright plane. The case is

an attractive, ormolu-mounted Empire design, complete with spinores; the price was £7.400 (estimate £4.000 to £6.000) and the buyer R. Riley. The sale of musical instruments

made £195,829, with 6 per cent un-

At Christie's South Kensington a sale of nineceenth and twentieth-century photographs included an althum of 122 photographs of the

Christie's South Kensington

had another unusual offering in the Donnelly collection of

oriental weapons and athno-

graphics, which made £7,232.

Every lot in the sale found a

buyer and the result was more

than 50 per cent above expec-

foreign silver made £138,088 with eight per cent unsold; Christie's fine English furniture totalied £133,985, with 5 per cent unsold. American and

European twentieth-century art in Los Angeles on Tuesday made £155,205, with 3 per cent

Today's engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Dake of Edisburgh, opens new phosphorie acid complex at Albright and Wilson's Marchon works, Whitelaven 10,25; later visits Carnegle Arts Centre. Workington, 2.10.

Workington, 2.10.
The Prince of Wales visits animal research establishment, Blythbank Farm, Blythe Bridge, Tweedale, 9.45; visits textile

mill, Innerleithen, Tweeddale, 2 visits Exacta Circuits Ltd, Selkirk, Borders, 3.

The Duchess of Kent attends com-missioning ceremony of HMS Brecon, HMS Vernon, Ports-

Exhibitions: Home video show, Cunard International Hotel, Hammersmith, 10.30-8.30. The Vikings, British Museum, 10-5.

Fashion Show: 200 years of French Fashion, Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, Edin-hurgh, 11 & 7.

Craft and Country Fair, textiles, pottery, furniture, jewelery, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton

Street, 11.

Lunchtime music: Chamber Concert directed by Yona Ettlinger, Guildhall School of Music, 1.10.

Singers Workshop, St Mary Woolnoth, 1.10. The British Museum Choral Society, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15. Plano recital by Marta Felcman, St Marthwittin-Ludgate, 1.15.

Sotheby's sale of English and

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The Prince of Wales, President, The Royal Naval Equestrian Association, this evening attended a Reception at the Headquarters of the Royal Warrant Holders Asso-ciation. 7. Buckingham Gate. SWI. Mr Oliver Everett was in atten-

dance. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, with Captain Mark Phillips, this evening presented the annual British Academy Film and Television Awards at the Conference Centre Wembley. Centre. Wemblev.
Mrs Andrew Feilden and Major
Nicholas Lawson were in atten-

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given at St James's Palace by St John Ambulance to mark to The Year of Nursing ". The Lady Elizabeth Basset and

Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh has appointed Major J. M. V. M. Cargin, aged 36, Royal Irish Rengers. 1. be his Equery in place of Wing Commander A. A. Nicholson. FAR, who relinquishes the appointment in the autumn. The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior, will attend a luncheon at the Hilton hotel, London, given by The Order of St John on Tuesday.

Birthdays today

Luncheons

Lord Barnetson, 63: Mr Peter Brook, 55; the Rev Sir Reginald Champion, 35; Sir George Fret-well, 80; Mr Antony Hopkins, 59; Sir Antony Hurchiston, 34. Sir Arthur Hutchinson, 84; Pro-fessor Sir Joseph Hutchinson, 78; Sir Victor Shepheard, 87; General Sir Frank Simpson, 81; Sir Blan-shard Stamp, 75; Sir Stanley Tom-linson, 68.

HM Government Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

roreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens held yesterday in honour of Mr K. Antwi-Nimoh, Deputy Minister of the Interior of Ghana.

Conservative Northern Ireland Committee Mr. John Biggs-Davison, MP, pre-

sided at a luncheon held in honour

of Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland Governor of the BBC yesterday.

The Master. Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, RNR,

presided at a luncheon given by the Company of Master Mariners on board EOS Wellington, Vic-toria Embankment, yesterday. The official guests included Mr

Frank Webster, who replied to the toast of the guests, and the Prima Warden of the Dyers'

Society of Company and Commer-

cial Accountants Sir Campbell Adamson, chairman,

Abbey National Building Society, was the guest speaker at a luncheon given at the Dyers' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London. EC4, yesterday by Mr J. K. Poole, President of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants.

ond Commercial Accountants.
Other guests were:

Mr G. G. H. Alderson. Mr R. H.
Fisher. Mr F. H. Freman. Mr A.
Harden. Mr W. J. Rayden. Mr F. C.
Hance. Mr W. J. Rayden. Mr F. C.
Hance. Mr D. H. Kirinain. Mr D.
McCall. Mr J. H. Main. Mr F. C.
H. Payne. Mr P. M. Blarman. Mr J.
R. A. Turnbull and the Bishop of
Edmonion. Representing the society
with the president ware: Mr L. C.
Lewis. Immediate pass president. and
Mr J. H. Tresman, executive director.

Guinean Goodwill Mission The Guinean Goodwill Mission were entertained at dinner by Mr

Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
Mr and Mrs N. N. Khanna Ladder
High Commission, Mr Cord and Lady
Hoth of Lisby, Mr C. W. Squire
HM Ambaseafor to Guines; and Mrs
Leslie Palener.

The monthly dinner of The

The monthly dinner of The Anchorites was held last night at the Cafe Royal. Mr Antony M. Preston presided and the Principal guest was Mr Basil Greenhil, director of the National Maritime

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national arts day

A campaign for a National Arts
Day on April 23, which is the
anniversary of both Shakespeare's
andi Joseph Turner's births, has
been launched among politicians,
actors, artists and aportsmen by
the Turner Society.

The society has sent out some 30 letters to people such as Mr Norman St John Stevas. Minister for the Arts, Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royaf Academy. Glenda Jackson, the actress, and Henry Cooper, the boxer, asking for their support.

The aim of the day, which to

The aim of the day, which is also St George's Day, is to encourage the arts, remind the Covernment of its role in supporting them, and to stimulate

Mr Al Weil, secretary of the society, says: "There is great talent in this country, albeit latent, and the aim is to encourage

people to use it. Who better than Shakespeare and Turner have taught us that the arts, the finest

Company.

Dinners

achorites

residery photographs included an album of 122 photographs of the Russian royal family, mainly at military or naval reviews, dating from 1905-09, which realized 23,200 (estimate £300 to £500). The sais totalist £53,000, with 8 per cent unsold.

Company of Master Mariners

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. J. Buscombe and Miss P. J. O'Flynn

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Buscombe, of St Ausrins, Frensham, Surrey, and Peta, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. O'Flynn, of 122 Marsham Court, Westminster, SW1, and West Sussex.

Mr M. P. Coomer and Miss S. J. Jesty

The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mrs E. M. Lambourn, of Kidlington, Oxford, and Sarah. daughter of Mrs D. Jesty, of Dorchester, Dorset-

Mr F. W. Edwards and Miss S. J. Robeson

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr between witham, elegst son or my and Mrs Geoffrey Edwards, of Cranteigh, Surrey, and Sarah, cider daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Robeson, of Beare Green,

Mr M. D. Fish and Miss T. M. Bacchus

and Miss T. M. Bacchus
The engagement is announced between Michael, ouly son of Mr David Fish and of the late Mrs Margery Fish of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Taniya, only daughter of the late Mr Robert Bacchus and of Mrs Bacchus, of Slindon,

and Miss P. A. Horne

The engagement is announced between Philip Aiden, son of Squadron Leader G. A. Hall, AFM, Squarou Leader C. A. Hall, AFM, RAF (retd), and Mrs Hall, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, and Penelope Anne. elder daughter of Mr J. A. Horne, JP, and Mrs. Horne, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

The president of the Justices' Clerks' Society, Mr Cliff Moiser, and members of the council gave a dinner at the Law Society's Hall last night. The guests included:

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Lord Hallaham of St Marylebono, Lord
Elwyn-Jones. Lord Denning, Mr
William Whitelaw, MP, Str In Precival,
OC. MP. Sir Thomas Styrme. Sir
Bryan Roberts, Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, Sir Wilfrid Bourne, Sir Brian
Cubbon, Mr Peter Taylor, QC Major
P. G. Clarke, Mr R. C. Stanger, Dr
Denis Gray, Mr J. C. Stebbings, Mr
J. L. Bowron, Mr Gooffrey Norman,
Mr G. C. Leathorby, Mr A. ForbesWatson and Mr A. J. Langdon.

Old N' ucunians' Association

Pattenmakers' Company

The annual dinner of the Londo section of the Old Mancunian

section of the Old Mancunlans' Association was held at the Arts Club last night under the chairmanship of Mr Jack Leon. The chief guests and speakers were Judge Goldstone and the High Master of Manchester Grammar School.

At an election court of the Patter

makers' Company held yesterday the following officers were elec-ted: Master: Colonel Sir Anthony Wharton, Upper Warden: Mr E. Astaire, and Renter Warden: Mr

Astaire, and kenter wathen: mu E. Rayne. A court dinner was held later at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master presided and the other speakers were the Upper Warden and Marshal of the Royal

Royal Signols Officers' Diu-Club have changed the date

for their Corps dinner at the London International Press Center

Major-General W. H. Baxter, USAF, was the senior Nato officer present at the Nato guest night

held at the RAF College, Cranwell, last night. Wing Commander C. E. Wilkinson presided. Others present

iucluded:
Maior-Goneral T. L. Morony, commandant, Royal Military College, Shrivon-ham, Foar-Admiral J. B. Sitett, 1980, Royal Royal Admiral G. G. Sitett, 1980, Royal Royal Portuguese Agent G. Vicamandan B. Brownlow, air officer commanding and commandant, RAF College, Cranwell, and Ale Commodore E. G. P. Jeffery, deputy commandant.

Corps of the Royal Engineers

The Corps of the Royal Engineers held a guest night in the RE Head-quarters Mess, Brompton, yester-day. The principal guests included:

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County, Brigadler Anne Field, M
J, Robbon and Professor J, M

be 15-day event

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Air Force Sir Neil Cameron.

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Mr P. G. B. Maynard and Miss P. S. Fethersto The engagement is an The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. A. Maynard, of Calue, Wiltshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. E. Fetherston-Godley, of Chippenham, Wiltshire,

Miss K. F. G. Mullins The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. M. L. Parkinson, of Goleen. West Cork, and Geraldine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Andrew Mullins, of

Mr C. R. Percy and Dr C. M. Campbell The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs C. Warwick Percy, of Durham, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Campbell, of

Mr M. J. Pringle and Miss S. L. Ballentyse The marriage has been arranged between Michael, son of Mr and, Mrs Kenneth Pringle, of The Hague, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Ballentyuc, of Bonn-Bad Godesberg.

Mr B. A. Rix and Miss J. R. Green and mass j. a. overall The engagement is andounced between Bernard, son of Mr and Mrs Otto Rix, of St John's Wood, and Jane. daughter of Mr John Green, of Knightsbridge, and of Mrs Timothy Thornton, of Ken-sington.

Mr S. M. Robinson and Miss A.-M. Harden

The sugagement is announced between Stephen, second sou of Mr and Mrs R. P. Robinson, of Gothic House, Walpole St Andrew, Cambridgeshire, and Anu-Marie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Harden, of Maple Road, Dartford, Kent.

Mr C. Robson and Miss D. A. Ward The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Professor and Mrs Peter Robson. of Pro-fessor and Mrs Peter Robson. of Korth Dron, St Andrews, Fife, and Donne Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Ward, of Mil-

ber, Aberdeenshire. Mr D. A. Ross and Miss A. A. George

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Briga-dier and Mrs D. Ross, of Milland, West Sussex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. George, of Llanelli, Dyfed. Mr R. D. Vooght and Miss C. L. S. Arthur

The .engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Denis Vooght and of Mrs D. tage bens voogni and of Mrs D. Vooght of Barnt Green, Worces-bershire; and Sylvia, voupgest danguter of the late Rev. John Arthur and of Mrs Arthur, of Yardley, Birmineham.

and Miss C. A. Burnard The engagement is amounted between Peter Warren; of Exeter, Devonshire, and Ann Burnard, of tham, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr F. A. Hopkinson and Mrs R. Trouncer The marriage took place yester-day in London between Mr Francis Hopkinson and Mrs Pamela Mary Troubeer, widow of Mr Roy Troubeer

Mr M. I. S. Murray and Mrs N. G. Grier-Rees The marriage rook place in Alton on March 14, 1980, between Mr Michael Murray and Mrs Pamela Grier-Rees, widow of Commander Nigel Grier-Rees.

Mr N. H. Wapshott and Miss S. L. Nicholson The marriage took place on March 1S at St Mary's, Sullington, of Mr-Nicholas Wapshott and Miss Louise Nicholson.

Scottish archaeological sites being washed away

From Ronald Faux St Andrews

The North Sea is stouring the coastline south of St Andrews at such a rate that archaeological sites are being washed and weathered away.

A teem of specialists from St. Andrews University has been commissioned by the Scottish Develmissioned by the Scottish Development Department to survey the Fife-coast from St Andrews Bay to Kinghorn to look for ancient remains about to disappear, and to examine threatened sites.

The archaeologists will spend: 10 dayk, covering 10 miles a day, checking the coastilne for any unusual humps, bumps or ancient man-made material. Mr James Kenworthy, lecturer in archaeo-

Kenworthy, lecturer in archaeo-logy, will lead the team. Scotland had already lost much of the evidence of its ancient past beneath building development, ploughing, sea erosion and quarrying, be said. "We are woefully ignorant about what went on in Scotland generally in prehistory. This project will help the Scotlish Development Department to assess."

Thankegiving service A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael Duff will be held at noon at Chelsea Old held at noon at Chelsea Old Church, London, SW3, on Wed-nesday, March 26.

priorities In their excavation pri

A wealth of known sizes dating back to the serliest times will be investigated, including a shell saldden at Dysart, where the

Memorial service Wednesday in St Paul's Cathedral.

Along the Fife coast the sea has inflicted severe damage in some places, exoding more than 10 feet of cliff during the past decade. In St Andrews the early Christian cemetery is being washed into the sea, and skeletons have appeared. on the beach beside the rules of St Mary's church. The cathedral is thought to be safe for the present, but the old priory wall could be lost.

refuse from the earliest variety of fish suppers has collected in huge

"This could be a valuable source of information about who was doing what and when around 6,000 BC." Mr Kenworthy said. "There could be flints, agricultural material and animal bones, which tell a lot about hunting, pollen that could give information about the environment, and charcoal that could be carbondated. It coal that could be carbon-dated. It will amount to another useful piece in the total jigsaw."

House together with a suitable endowment to maintain it to the National Trust and plaque in the porch showed the debt which he felt was also due to his mother and father, who came to Packwood in 1905 and commenced the restoration of the old house. The older generation will remember his parties,

Mr Harold Macmillan, ON, was present at the memorial service for Sir Patrick Hancock held on

three brothers by General Baden-Powell in 1907 after a holiday with him on Brownsea Island. The third and last surviving son of the seventh Baron Rodney, he was formerly a

OBITUARY

MR R. C. S. WALTERS Construction of dams and reservoirs

Partners, Consultant Civil Engineers, in London

Rupert Caventish Walters was born on July 21 1888, in New Zealand where his father, Charles Flamstead father, Charles . father, Unaries
Walters, was Professor of
Classics at Christchurch University for some years. On their return to London he was educated at Westminster School and then at Kings College London where he gained an Honours degree in engineering. Prom 1908-1912 he served with the Officers Training Corps (Territorials) but was rejected on medical grounds by the army in the First World War though he went to Salisbury Plain where he was given the organi-zation of the layout, drainage, etc., for army camps. After a period with contractors as resident engineer, in 1932 he oined as Assistant then as Partner, Dr Lapworth's firm specializing mainly in water-supply. He remained with them

Mr T. W. Perrers-Walker

Mr Graham Baron Ash died

on February 20 in his 91st year. Packwood House, Warwick-shire, and Wingfield Castle are

tributes to this distinguished

and generous benefactor to our

national and Warwickshire, Nor-folk and Suffolk heritage. He

inherited Packwood House from his father in 1925 and the

artistry and excellence he expressed in the restoration and furnishing of Packwood House was crowned by the visit

of Queen Mary on August 22,

especially at Christmas and the

private performances of Shake-spearian plays in the beautiful

gardens and grounds, which include the mid-seventeenth

The Hon Simon Rodney, who

died on March 15 at Kelvedon

Hatch, Essex, at the age of 84, was one of the first four Boy

Scouts, being earolled with his

century Yew Topisty mon on the Mount

In 1941 he gave Packwood

1927

Mr R. C. S. Walters, FICE, until 1967 when he became a geology of the construction of Whitaker Medal of the Institution of Water Engineers and two of their President's Premiums for papers on bydro of the Societe deaggeology. He was closely in- Civils de France in volved with the design and con- was on the Council of struction of many dams and water Biological reservoirs notably the Sutton Bingham dam for Yeovil RDC, Weir Wood dam for the supply

of Crawley, Sussex, Lamaload dam in Cheshire for Maccles-field which was visited by Princess Alexandra during construction in 1965, two dams in Cornwali—Drift and Stithians, as well as the designing of many ground water schemes including the Thames Basin scheme in the 1960s and 1970s. He was involved in the early stages in the design of the Scammonden dam for Hudders-field over which the M62 motor way passes and which was opened by the Queen in 1971. One of his main contributions to engineering was stressing the importance of the study of the

He served as High Sheriff of

Warwickshire during 1938-39. In 1943 he took a lease of Wing-

of the de la Poles, Earls and Dukes of Suffolk and set about

restoring the Elizabethan house

teenth century gatehouse tower.

by the younger generation. His

friends will miss his great charm, elegance and virality, as

well as his generous hospitality. The world is poorer for his

passing but Packwood House and Wingfield Castle will be

lasting memorials to his devo-

parmer in the firm of Rowe &

Pitman, stockbrokers. He saw service in The King's (Liver-

pool) Regiment and the Granadier Guards in the First

World War in which he was taken prisoner. He served in

the Second World War as a

major in the Grenadier Guards.

field Castle, the ancien

MR GRAHAM BARON ASH

HON SIMON RODNEY

He was presiden Water Engineers President of the Bo of the Société des and of the Geologic for several years. His publications three books, The Ho Gloucestershire Nation's Water Sur and textbook De dam or reservoir

West Indies Test ci died in Barbados on He was 86. Griffith, an outst class cricket spanne within its walls and the four- from 1921 to 19

a broken hip. His generosity to the national heritage extended to the historic Cathedral of Norwich and for this and other benefactions future generations will remember and be deeply grateful to him.

In the First World War he served in the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force General Lnis : and at the beginning of the Second World War, he was one of the first to offer his services Pina, Army chief of and return to active duty in the Royal Air Force until relieved

the Salazar regime military attache to guese Embassy in I on March 17. H Pina was a founde gal's Institute o Defence and player ent part es an ir Lisbon's Institute Military Studies, In he was a keen i of . Lisbon's Sciences.

Professor Dodle Newitt, MC, FRS Emerirus of Chemic ing in the Univers don, died on March-

Science report

Psychophysics: The nose can cheat

By the Staff of Nature could be obliterated if they were in the nose. But separating the secondary experiment, twentieth carbon dioxide. The effect of their masking properties. The century researchers in America dioxide is to endow the Yale researchers were therefore have discovered that cross-talk have discovered that cross-talk between nerves can in some circumstances distort the sense of smell so that people may not de-tect dangerous chemicals. The distortion arises because there are two systems of nerves in the nose. The olfactory nerve is the one that specializes in fine discrimin-ations between different odours. But very concentrated odours, or irritant chemicals, can activate a second nerve, the trigeminal nerve, which conveys the sensation of pungency. Dr William Cain and Dr Claire Murphy at Yale University have shown that the olfactory and trigeminal nerves interact with confine and present the confine and trigeminal nerves.

interact with one another in such a way that each may mask inform-ation carried by the other.

Their investigations were in-spired by an observation reported in 1868 by a philosopher, Alex-ander Bain, who found that odours University news

By Our Arts Reporter
Financial restrictions have forced
the promoters of this year's Cheltenham International Festival of
Music to cut the number of
orchestral concerts to be performed from seven to four.

It will, however, he a loager
festival than last year's, extended
this time from 10 to 15 days, and
for the first time both dance and Mr Christopher Taylor, senior the ar Corpus Christi College and a philosophy dod, is to be the university's senior processor next year. Dr Robert White, an Australian soil scientist of St Cross College, is to be the junior processor. Dr John's College, is to be the university assessor. for the first time both dance and opera will be fully featured.
Mr John Manduell, the programme director, said the exten-

gracime director, said the extension was an important step.

Next year, with a £28,000 Arts Council gnarantee, the festival will cover 17 days. Mr Manduell praised the financial contribution of Cheltenham corporation.

The festival's director is Sir Leanox Berkeley, and Berkeley Castle will be the scene of a concert by the Academy of Ancient Music; tickets, Costing £12.50, include a coach from Cheltenham and a salmon buffer.

The festival runs from June 29 The festival runs from June 29

Guild of air pilots

Royal Ascot

end of April.

products of human imagination, are inspiring, ever adventurous and exciting for practitioners and spectators alike?" Canon Norman Motley officiated at the annual service of the Guild The society has asked stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street, in the West End of London, if they will make windows or stands avallable for exhibitions and published. at the annual service of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London held at St Michael's, Cornhill, yesterday. After the service Mr Hugh Fleld was instafted as Master for the ensuing year. Captain Charles Klimcke is masterelect and Mr Norman Royce, Mr Robert Dominy and Captain Kenneth Blevius have been elected arrown. Apart from art exhibitions, it is hoped there will be special plays and concerts, and other events, such as drama workshops. WITTERNS.

The royal meeting at Ascot will take place on June 17, 18, 19 and

20. Applications for admission to

the Royal Enclosure should be

made to her Majesty's represent-

ative, Ascor Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1, before the

Applicates should apply only for members of their family, stating their full names and their ages if

they are of 16-25 years: children under 16 are not admitted except on the Friday, when adults with badges may bring children of 10-15 years, for whom no prior application need he made to prior need he mad

tion need be made.

New applicants will be sent a

form to have signed by a sponsor

whose name is already on the

Royal Enclosure list. Visitors from

overseas should apply to their

embassador or high commissioner.

In the enclosure ladies will wear

formal day dress with bats and

gentlemen morning dress or Ser-

the university assessor. Elections
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from April 1: Miss A. R. Gooden.
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from October 1: Miss C. D. Gray.
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MA. Foster, BA. Mann Cravon
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Mrs. A. Kallin, MA. D Phil.
Cambridge

Cambridge
Mr F. W. Ratcliffe, librarian and
director of the John Rylands University Library, Manchester, has
been appointed university librarian
from October 1.

Mr Frederick Walter Bow, of Pul-

borough, Sussex, schoolmaster, left E212,983 net. He left E25,000

Other estates include (net, before tax paid, tax not disclosed):

Anslow, Mrs Hazel Margaret, of

Annan, Dunfriesshire . £282,896 Bryan, Mr George Alfred, of Arby, co Kildare, estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ire-

Wales and the Republic of Ire-land 1. £126,131 Drew, Mr Arthur Gordon, of Padiham. Lancashire, company director £174,872 Freeman, Mr John Savell. of Shoreham, Sussex £364,341 Gledhill, Mr Norman Ramsden, of Halifax. company director

Green, Mrs Annice, of Mex-

borough ... 6573,851 Henry, Mrs Janet Marjorie, of Ashford, Kent ... 5171,423

Ashford, Kent ... £171,423 Hewitt, Sir John Francis, of Bath

£128,645

Halifax, company director

Latest wills

to Eton College.

carbon dioxide is to endow the odour with a degree of pungency, and Dr Cain and Dr Miurphy have followed up Bain's observation by testing the effect of different concentrations of carbon dioxide on the ability of eight volunteers to distinguish the smell of a chemical, which in ordinary circumstances has a distinct fruity odour. They were able to confirm Bain's original discovery that They were able to confirm Bain's original discovery that carbon dioxide can obligarate odours. But they also found that by increasing the concentration of the fruity chemical, they could obligarate the pungency of the carbon dioxide.

To extablish the incurse of the

To establish the nature of the interaction between the two chemicals. Dr Cain and Dr Murphy tested the effect of administering them separately to the two nostrils. In that way, they could ensure that the chemicals

UMIST

Dr Paul Brode has been appointed UMIST's first professor of applied molecular biology from Sept Keele Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, is to receive an honorary degree on May 22.

Newcastle Dr J. B. Harris, who since 1967 has worked mainly with the muslas worker many with the first cular dystrophy group research laboratories, Newcastle general hospital, has been appointed to the action research fund chair of experimental neurology.

Professor J. Parkhouse, professor

of anaesthetics, Manchester University, has been appointed to the chair of postgraduate medical education from June 1. Dr P. C. W. Davies, lecturer in applied mathematics at King's College London, has been appointed to the chair of theoretical physics from October 1. Other appointments Lecturers: Dr A. C. Webb, anatomy, from May 1: A. C. Hutchisson, law, from May 1.

Systems programmer: J. P. Aspion, computing laboratory. Grants

£25,000 from the Tynesido Loukaemia

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£42,407 from Desgerwark AG to Pro-

must be due to interactions be-tween the two nerves.

Whether other pungent and non-pungent chemicals would react in the same way, or whether the nature of the interaction depends partly on specific properties of the two chemicals Dr Cain and Dr Murphy are unable to say without doing more experito say without doing more experi-ments. They believe that a warming is in order. In the presence of high concentrations of an odorant, they point out, people may not be able to detect the pungency of dangerously irritant chemicals such as integanic acids. That may be important in some industries. Source: Prime (March 20, 1980, volume 21, page 255).

Nature-Times News Service,

feasor A. G. J. Holf for two years from October 1. to support the project A micro-processor controlled respira-tion instrument 1.

The following Wolfson Foundation The following Wolfson Foundation Awards have been announced: £102,000 to Professor G. B. B. Chipilin dept of electrical eng science, to set up a Wolfson noise and vibration cancellation unit developing novel automatic electronic cancellation systems: £20,000 to the £35cc electronics centre in the Dept of rice eng science to develop small computer systems for commercial organizations; £20,000 to the industrial physics group under it director Professor D. J. Barbor in the dept of Physics, to establish a Wolfson Industrial physica unit

Dr D. J. E. lagram, principal of Chelsea College, has been appoin-ted Vice-Chancellor of the university from October 1, City

Grants
Westland Helicopters Ltd \$55,000 to
Professor S. T. S. Done and Professor
A. R. S. Bramwell, dept of mechanical
engineering and aeronautics, for
theoretical investigation of helicopter
aeroclastic stability.

Appointments

or J. D. Donaldson of Chaisea College,
as professor of industrial chamistry, a
newir emblished chair.

or R. W. T. Preater (mech eng), Mr S.
Haberman (mathematics) and Dr A.
Grieder (social science) to be senior
secturers from October 1, 1980.

Huntington, Mr Lawrence of Wakefield, company director Bishop of Numana The episcopal ordination Father Agnellus Andrew, OFM, as

Bishop of Numana will take place In Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday; March 26, at 2.30 pm. Cardigal Hume will preside and Lee, Mrs Elsie Maude, of Ware,
Herifordshire ... £136,229
Malet, Wing Commander Bertrand
Alexander, of Taunton ... £129,970
Morgan, Mr George William
Laugharne, farmer, of Burbage,
Mariborough ... £136,458
Pattison, Mrs Nahcy Evelyn, of
Liverpool £128,461
Reynolds, Mrs Ruby Claudla
Stuart, of New Milton, Hampshire
£136,539 the consecrating bishops will be: Cardinal Gray, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, senior cardinal on the Pontifical Com mission for Communications; Archbishop Heim, Apostolic Delegate; and Bishop Holland of Salford President of the Mass Media Commission for England and E186,539 Richardson, Mr William Pearl, of Dedham, Essex, chartered electri-cal engineer £130,192 Rogers, Mr Henry George, of Prin-

Because of the wany messages sent it has been impossible to issue individual invitations in all cases but Bishop-elect Agnellus hopes his friends will be able to Sheppard, Mr William James, of Bakewell, Derbyshire . £165,569
Vaughan, Judith Margaret, of Winchester, Intestate . £135,795
House, Westminner. attend the service in the cathedral and toin him at a reception to be held afterwards in Archbishop's

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HERMAN GR Herman Griffith, surviving members

against England as During recent years be enjoyed indifferent health fol-lowing a fall which resulted in 1928 in the first of Griffith played matches for the V between 1928 and ngainst England and Australia in Austral 44 wickets and moment was when Don Bradman for & final 1930-31 Test at

Lady Reid, wide

Reid, a Lord of Ordinary from 19died on March J His wife, daughter of John Hamar Greenwood, later Lord Greenwood, died in 1966. Esther, daughter of and widow of G. Lord Reid died in

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Kramer w Kramer arrives in ondon on a wavecrest of Oscar nominations: indeed has been nomineted for Academy Awards in practically every category except Best Foreign Language Picture, which is understandable, and Best Actress, which is less so since Meryl Streep's perforlarger assets.

Meryl Streep's is the first figure we see in the film, in the role of an anguished woman, francically and distractedly throwing things into a bag for a quick getaway from the matrimonial home. She is interrupted by the return of her husband (Dustin Hoffman), so taken up with his own affairs as a rising advertising executive that at first he does not even notice anything is wrong. When he does, he is incomprehending and out-raged; but the wife has

The central section of the film describes how the abandoned busband copes with the problem of looking after his small son, at first bitterly resentful of the break-up and of the mother's inexplicable desertion. As father and child grow closer, however, the man changes and develops. His work begins to take second place to the human relationship—even though in the end it results in the loss of his iob. His unemployment is critical only because it comes at the moment when the wife reappears to claim custody of the child, on the grounds that in the intervening year and a half she has herself matured, becoming a woman of inde-pendence and a fitter mother then before.

Robert Benton, the writerdirector, has adapted a best-selling novel by Avery Cor-man. It is lifted above the level of common tear-jerker by the same affectionate concern for character that distin-guished Benton's earlier pic-tures, Bad Company and The ate Show.
No one in this domestic

catastrophe is all good or back right or wrong; but all are victims. At the start our sym-pathies are fairly shred between the desperate wife and the husband, brash and unlikeable, inestentive and insensitive, but honestly justifying his obsessive professional ambitions as his duty as breadwinner. Sympathy shifts strongly in his favour with the develop-ment of his relationship with the child, so that the wife briefly assumes the aspect of villian when she appears to dis-rupt, as by right, this now happy accommodation. In the courtroom they become equal victims, as their lawyers, in their names, buily, abuse threaten and expose. Horror at what they are inflicting one upon the other seems indeed, to draw them momentarily

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Dustin Hoffman and Justin Henry in Kramer vs Kramer

by the child, a seven-year-old, solemn-faced, bloode-mopped natural called Justine Henry: No adult actor could carry off with such perfect aploadb such scenes as his polite small talk with a naked lady guest, encountered on a nocturnal trip to the bathroom; or his spectacular defiance of his father in the matter of a forhidden tub of ice cream.

Benton's technique with the child, it seems, was to get him to improvise, generally in co-operation with Dustin Hoff-man, to whom certainly, much of the achievement of their anologues must be attributed. For his own part Hoffman plays well enough to overcome e naturally unsympathetic. p: rsonality. Streep promises to be a remarkable actress. With a fine-boned face like a slightly prettier Edith Sitwell, she has an ability—most murked in the court scene-to suggest rapid and subtle shifts Benton favours the sort of

"Luropean" style also characteristic of the later Woody Allen: sophisticated, with an emphasis on the image (the film is photographed by Nestor Almendros) and economy of writing, often playing scenes without any dia-logue, as a further hint of the French influence, the film pays tribute to Francois Truffant with extracts from the Vivaldi concerto used in L'Enmt Sawage.

All-American, though directed year-old film by the admirable

Ted Kotcheff, North Dallas Canadian director. Forty may very well prove somewhat battling to audiences not immersed in the lore, rules and language (though a lot of that is very plain and four-let-ter) of American football. The film is a tough, documentary extremely unflattering view of the game as it appears iram locker-room, gymnasium and touchline. Aiming to be en American equivalent of This Sporting Life like the British film, it is also adopted from a novel by a former professional player, Peter Gent), its themass the feudal character of professional sport, the team are the property, pride and play-things of a big corporation, "performing monkers" (in

the crowd.

Nick Noite plays a star catcher, now just part his prime and counting the cost in humidation, moral debasement and crippling physical injury, relieved by a no less crippling imake of drugs. The film is directed by Kotcheff with rough energy, and lustily played by a cast that includes, alongisde the stylish Nolte, Charles Durning as a bullying coach, Bo Svenson as a Texas wild man and a supporting group of real-life ball players. Its greates: weakness is the non-performance of Dayle Had-don as the girl friend whose love is supposed to be the catalyst for Noire's self-recognition.

and no less corrupted radical anarchist movement who seem in some way in league with all the rest. David Storey's expression) for the crowd.

On the Twentieth Century

Her Majesty 5

gal, whose subsequent Jumoen recently played in Lundon, It

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Irving Wardle As the rhythm of the railroad Is the one industrial sound that echocs through the American that when Broadway gets around to a railroad musical it should be scored to evole ald Vienna with a few gypsy strings

The stary is in fact based on the career of the "Marathi Joan Crawford", Hansa Wadfor exotic colouring. I do not push the point, as On the Twentieth Century ties and Forties who was for hardly qualifies as a railread her own generation a thrilling musical anyway. True, this Hecht and MacArthur adaptasymbol of the liberated woman. Indian censorship does not allow a truthful account of tion takes place on board the tamed Chicago-New York Wadkar's eventual cullapse express, and is set among quairtitles of mobile chromium. vanilla ice-cream, recessed lighting, and the suburban front-door sunpurst without which no arrdeco design would be completed and even before Robin Wagner's glittering wonder is undraped, the orchestra is letting out its own puffs of smoke. But once the journey is under way, the story could just as well be happening in adjoining hotel bed-

film, apart from the skillul, roughing and highly intelligent Travel supplies no distraction from the obsession with show business, and the journey is merely a pretext for a bankrupt actor-manager to batch plans for a come-back hetore he meets his creditors at the signal supplies. performance of Smita Patel, is films and studios of the For-ties: Benegal's pastiches of familiar genres—the florid musicals, methologicals and other escapist extravaganzas-are as truthful as comic. ticket barrier.
This means finding

Murder by Decree is the sort moperty. finding a star, and finding the money, all of which fall into his hands with sua-picious ease, and then fall out of film that makes you despair for the industry; so much resource of material, talent and hard cash is wilfully sucaggin when the backer is unmasked as an escaped lunatic, and the star contract carries the signature of Peter Rabbit. Entertainment along the way consists mainly of the various off-stage roles which the mon-stroug Oscar Jaffee adopts to rificed to half-baked ideas and professional inattention. The notion is not necessarily had: Sherlock Holmes meets Jack the Ripper. The Ripper story favourite recent theories that there was some involvement with the Royal Family and specifically with the Duke of Clarence, who score his hat-trick.
To this robust, hard-hoiled plot. Betry Comden and Adolph died young, four years after

Green have added a quarter of singing porters, and a chorus Ripper murders of 1888 before he could, as inwho double as fellow passengers tended, marry Princes May of Teck, the future Queen Mary. John Hopkins's screenplay is and as the crowds who swell the big fancasy episodes. These derive from the female star's labyrinth of blind alleys. The agonies of indecision over two been seen lately at this address. great detective makes impossi-bly large leaps of legical deduction, uncharacteristically

seeks the aid of a medium (played, red-eyed and demented, by D. and Suther-land) and gets himself and the audience so confused that in the end he has to sit down for Ned Chaillet

10 minutes and explain what has actually been happening. This exposition is delivered the course of a scene with the Prime Minister (Salisbury, presumably), played by an understandably bewildered John Gielgud. "Seriously, though ..." intimates the scenario: and Homes's revelations perpart to show a disintransing Victorian society, with a decadent manarchy, an establishment corrupted by free-masacry and a vicorous

Even if the screenniay man succeeded batter either as good scare or good hokum, it all seems culpably sloppy for medertaking which must squalling baby daughter was squall wonders for instance, there no-one around to tell the screenwriter terested" does not mean "uninterested"; to tell the set decorator for the onera house sequence that Donizetti does not have two Ns; to see that modern street signs did not appear in location scenes; and indeed to tell the director, Bob Clark, that distorted images creepy music, realistic gore and costly sets do not compen-sate for the lack of any real

David Robinson

alternative leading roles, and reach their climax when a Somerset Maugham Cocktail party is invaded by a Biblical multitude recalling her to the

tack of portraying Mary Mag-At such moments, the show really gets into its stride, thanks partly to the deft synchronicaoleman's music, and partly to lulia kleKenzie's stunning per

formance as the stat.

From her flashback first ap pearance, as a mousey reheartal planist eclipsing the haughty audition candidate with a ring ing top note, the evening is me enqualified walk-over for Miss McKenzie, Keith Michell, pari nering her as the detector tyrant who first discovered her and is now desperate to get her hack, plays Jaifee, the master of disputes, with a wooden, attitude-striking hoom that hardly varies whether he is appearing as a shulk, a rejected lover, a suicide victim, or a Baptist in a curious conical har. However, Mr Michell's voice has come on since I last heart it, and shows to advantage in the long-limbed production numbers which give the action

its thief musical support.

Peter Coe's production also is Peter Coe's production also not its best in numbers like its best in numbers like its best in numbers like its batter froming a long duet and involving frontictraffic through a compartment windows and tirce doors before the assailants wind up in a heap on the floor. This number also gives deserved provinced to Merk Wenter, as Miss McKenzie's temporary liver, whose doublike devotion layer, whose don-like devotion is corried to the length of grawling conine impersona-

Otherwise the show is split down the middle between the story and the refrond officers, Waller Jeffre is in action the train becomes completely dedecor takes over, the plot is shunted aside in favour of the apectacle of Ann Beach (as the idiot backer) advancing towards us on a cleaming conlocomotives specifing theories the night. It is a fitfully exhibitrating show, and con-tainly the best thing to have

Streets of London

Theatre Royal, E15

Melodrama is alive and at least well enough to walk, if not quite ready to dance at Stratford East. Diane Cilento, whose third production as a director it is, does not forget that even walking is something elaborate; calculated to display wealth, arrogance, goodness, evil and penniless nobility through the Victorian gaslights, Extravagant acting, where it can be encouraged, is the order of the day, and extravagant emotion, though it nowadays lenns to-ward, hilarity, is what it is

Twence years before the bulk of the action a City banker had taken £100,000 worth of gold corrupt clerk who witnessed the crime, stood by to be bribed and sent into exile. With the expected exception

of the dead captain, the rest have survived to enjoy corrupt wealth or to face squalor, with the banker, Bloodgood, thriving on the captain's gold and the good captain's wife and daughter declining from gentility into beggary. As Bloodgood's wealth increases, and Badger returns to take a further helping, there is ance.

a multiplication of villainy fact culminates in a spectacular fire set by Bloodgood to destroy the evidence of his crime.

Hearts were meant to he rended by Dion Boucicault's The Streets of London, and tic'ets sold. Though Elodgood's crideat inhumanity has kept him from the best circles of society. nis money is about to purchage an entry into respectability (c) his daubitter's morriage. inconvenient detail of the brid:greem's love for the dangers. againer his need for cash. Miss Cilenta's production may

inspire more laughter than tears in our hardened hearts. though the sufferings of the poor on stage, buffered in artificial snows to ms, may the chaerful sympathy from sectators in the icy auditorier). The actors, however, are fully aware of the hughter the rmisfortunes produce, and they play with commendable direct-

has the stuffiness of very try evil and a variety of protomime postures perfectly spirch to his role, his wicked daughter-you can not him wickedness by her abundant blonde curls—is nicely sport in Jane Wymark's performance. characterizations from Elsner Gray and Louisa Riv of entirely good penale are equally well judged, but the ambienters Badger is the character to watch, charmingly contradictory in Michael Carter's perform-

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

Louisville's standing against the ugly American myth

"Eat it or molest it?"... Anne Pitoniak and Ray Fry in Today a Little Extra

Press to Kentucky for the Fes-tival of New American Plays at the Actors' Theatre of Louis-ville was a little review called The America Project. Commissioned by the theatre, this consisted of 10 sketches on America by a group of culturally-OK non-Americans, and it promised one civilized out. post in a territory that might otherwise be populated by playwrights with heads goowing under their armpits.

As it happens, this show did leave one with the strongest single image I received from any of the festivars nine pro-ductions. The moment occurred in a wordless sketch by Athol Fugard about a Bowery scavenger who is inspired to convert a dostion and an old car-seat into a druin kit, after being splastied by a passing truck. The ragged Dark Toporzysek wipes banself clean with fastidious care and then drows the used tissue into the audience. We flinched in disgust. We knew that tissue degree of local trust. was saturated in filth. The was spotless, and also that it nature of theatrical magic was compressed and one

With that honourable exception and the contributions of Gordon Dryland and Keith Dewharst, the rest of the evening made one flinch for other reasons. It consisted of every third-band stereotype you can think of from dollar-worship to the divorce rate, delivered with ineffable long-range contempt by such luminaries as Brian Clark, Alexander Buzo, Stewart Parker and Wole Soyinka. When you think that these

High among the attractions had planed in from around the that lured the international globe at Kentucky's excense to supervise the rehearsal of their supervise the renearsh of their 10-minute playlets, you are left gasping equally at their artistic gall and at the limitless humility of a company who would accept such work and act out these envious libels on their humiland. If ever there was a place to

give the lie to the ugly American much; it is the Actors' Theatre of Louisville—an outfit which has grown up under 16 years of the kind of civic care which America usually reserves for orchestras, and with a huge velvet-covered aircraft propellor slowly revolving under the ornate Greek fingers.
Revival dome, you see concrete evidence of the theatre's 96 old adveper cent capacity subscription list: a long queue waiting for stand-by tickets for an unknown play. I know of no British theatre that enjoys that Over the year, new plays account for a third of ATL's

regular output, It also runs an annual play contest, and the festival (now in its fourth year), selected from an esti-mated 4,000 unsolicited and selected from an esticommissioned texts that pass office. About half this material is picked up for subsequent production elsewhere, some-times yielding commercial properties like The Gin Game and Marsha Norman's Getting Out. But the policy rests on the still upproved faith that new drama can be bred like Kentucky racehorses; and of the nine shows that made up this scourges of the ugly American year's festival, not one had

been picked with an eye to Broadway.

The only possible exception was Michael Kassin's Todap a Lietle Extra, a Lower East Side Jewish comedy enacting the conflict of the generations through the handover of a kasher butcher shop from its traditionalist proprietor to a go-ahead newcomer. Confined to the day of old Zalman's retirement, the first act presents an expertly organized duel which fans out to include the life of the crumbling neighbourhood-as which now combines the role customer, with whom he conof a community house with a
dedication to new writing.
Walking into the main foyer,
with a huge velvat community. he inquiries, trying to chaperon the bird from her prying

> It is with the help of this old adversary that he conquers his new opponent; and the two of them settle down to a kosher alliance with Zalman's demonstration of how to extract nickels from the pay-phone. It is a good short play to which ATL persuaded the author to add a second act wherein sharp purposeful comedy sabaides into static mush.

On the other hand, it was also the management who gave Alan Duke the subject for his wholly successful dramatized partrait, Remington. Remington is Frederick Remington, pre-1914 painter and novelist of the American West, and arch-defender of Frontier values against the effete du-plicity of the East, Michael Kevin plays him in the likeness of a Dodge City Alfred Marks, striding around his gun-festooned living room and haranguing his visitors (the dead. It is all coming and audience) on the vanishing going, with inconsequential

paradise of "wild riders and vacant lands" and the * exqui site class of unwashed men to whom his art is devoted. One irony is that Reming-ton's home is in New York,

and the text, mainly drawn from his own writings, is mined with stunningly self-confident contradictions : lingering pathetically over an Indian acrocity, and then briskly remarking "a mob has got to the shot up a little before it will get into a state of mental

main auditorium and its studio: the first a 637 seater with a thrust stage, the second an acting floor with 160 spectament that specializes in clab-orate scenic building. If ever a theatre lived up to the slogan "the writer leads" it is in ATL's scrupulous translation of its chosen texts into styrofoam and timber. In some of the weaker plays, there is a positively embarrassing imba-Jance between the facile stage action and the exhaustively detailed craftsmanship that supports it.

In They're Coming to Make It Brighter, for instance, Kent Broadhurst takes us through a pre-Christmas working day in the lobby of a New York office building. The scaff arrive dripping and cursing from the street; an old shoe-shine man dreams of getting into show business; the elevator operators gossip about people we never meet; late in the day we learn that Poppa who runs the magazine kiesk has dropped

charter, some of it quite funny ("I bought him a hot dog to cheer him up and he found a finger-nail in it"), but quite shapeless and under-charac-terized. But before it starts your eye feasts on Paul Owen's

superb art-deco setting. A better introduction to the work of Jon Jory, ATL's producing director, was Adele Edling Shank's Sunset Sunree, on which the design staff again went to town with a cineramic Californian house exterior complete with a vintage Pon-These two plays were pre-tiac, motor-operated bathing sented respectively in ATL's tub and (the author's masterstroke) a television inter-com through which a daughter of the house ("I'm allergic to everything except plastic") tors raked on three sides, communicates with the family Common to both are the and guests who throng the resources of a design depart- mechanised playground.

Set and play alike mights have been by David Hockney. West Coast superficiality is put & on trial through an interplay of surfaces: "open relations ships", furtive betrayals flashes of murderous hostility. moments, as where an actual worker invades this languad society to fix the car, when we Chekhov hovers over the hardly a trace of moral judge; ment, and Miss Shank leaves her characters to run their own hell like a self-service cafeteria. Mr Jory's production, unfolding in stealthily gathering darkness, and animating a company of 14 so 25 to direct your eye unfailingly from one focal point to the next, reaches its climax in an immense darkened pause which seems to go on for ever ... until broken by a single sob. 🚗

Irving Wardle

Haiti boat people are America's newest problem

The rickety old boats ride low in the water and the decks are crowded with sparsely-clad black people. About twice a week on average, the United States coast guard, patrolling the waters round Southern l'iprida, will spot one of the boats and go to look.

If it is in distress they will take the people off it and ferry them to land. Thus a fresh of America's newest the immigrants, Figitian boat people, will arrive in style, helped by an arm of the Government on whose territory, technically speaking. they have no right to settle. Last year 2,500 of them came,

according to the count of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Ins). In recent months the rate has been increasing. In January there were 517 and in October—last year's busiest month-630.

They come, they say, because they cannot find work in Haiti. They speak also of the repressing and brutality of the regime of the young President Duvalier. Some claim that they have been brutalized, or their fathers have been arrested and dis-

Although legally they have un right to stay in the United States, the INS is under a court pending the result of an appeal in a case where one issue is can be settled with whether they can be treated as overcrowded families.

political refugees. The Govern-ment's position is that they

cannot. "What we're up against from our viewpoint", Mr Richard Gullage, deputy district director of the Ins in Miami, said, "is people who are fleeing an economic situation—poverty, low any and lack of employment. low pay and lack of employment -coming here trying to better

their way of life. Along the way their cause been championed by attorneys, realizing that a claim to political asylum can delay

things indeterminately.
"We depend on the State Department to advise us if political persecution is going From what we have received from the State Department, there is no political per-

ment, there is no political per-secution in Hairi."

Although now obliged not to send them home, the Federal Government has no direct responsibility for maintaining the refugees while they are here. That burden falls on churches and volunteer groups ın Miami. Baptist

The Friendship Baptist church is a large, quite modern building in a black residential area in north-western Miami. There the Rev James Jenkins, a black minister, runs a staging post for the refugees after they have been screened by immigration officers and before they can be settled with already

A boatload of 57 had arrived One young man, Levecque two days before my visit. In Belassy, had a pale scar on his a low room, lit harshly with forehead, which he said had neon, they sat on benches eat-ing a dinner of rice, meat and carrots. They were mostly men and in their early twenties.

A few matresses were stacked against a wall, because after dinner this would be converted into a bedroom. There were no blankets, but the Haitians would keep warm at night by covering themselves with old clothes strewn from a pile in the corner.

They had already picked from the pile some clothes to wear in what was, for Miaml, an unusually cool day. They an unusually cool day. They did not worry about styles so long as they fit: one tall, slim man was in a snug women's coat with a fetching fur trim. They said they had all chipped in to buy their aged

escape boat, paying \$35 (about £16) a head. The trip from Hairi had taken 14 days, and they told how they were unable to load all the provisions they had planned to take with them, because they were forced to make a hasty getaway when

spotted by the police.

When I asked why they had come, they all said: "To get work, to get money." Some described how they or their families had been ill-treated by President Duvalier's police I was persecuted. That's why I came here." They know they cannot legally settle in the United States but, because word of such things travels fast, they also know that they will not now be sent home. That is why and security men.

when their boats reach the American shore. been put there by a policeman Despite that, the "smugglers" after he had bumped into him

his father, a labourer, had been

a member of the Tontons Macoute, the feared security force. He had worked as a taxi

driver from Port-au-Prince air-port (his reasonable English supported his story) and his

job was to report on passengers'

"I used to arrest a lot of people", he said: "If people

complained about conditions I

would report back and they

would be in trouble. I didn't like it so I left but after I left

come to America.

conversations.

who arrange transport for the with his bicycle. Another, Louissel Monlovis, said he had spent eight months in jail after refugees do a thriving business, at prices ranging from a few bundred dollars to one or two asking the police for news of thousand. Officials at the INS his father, who had been arrested and disappeared. believe that some of those who say they have been at sea for The youngest was Alma Le-blanc, a boy of 14. He said that between 10 days and a formight are not telling the truth.

Some of the boats they come beaten up by the police as he went to collect his wages, and in are so unseaworthy that they couldn't have made the trip arrested. Since his mother was already dead, he decided to an undercover immigration investigator said. There was one former soldier and one who said he had been

"The males have pressed pants and the females have clean dresses. And, this is a little indelicate, but they don't have the body odour you'd ex-

The theory is that they may have been staying for a while in Bimini, one of the Bahama islands only 40 miles off the Florida coast, or that their small boat was piggy-backed on a larger one, then dropped only a few miles from the shore. The refugees may have been coached by the smugglers to say they had sailed all the way from Hait, to put investigators off the

While the INS does not send them home, it does not often let them have work permits either. This means that to survive they have to take jobs illegally and

they do not try hard to evade are at the mercy of exploitative the immigration authorities employers in small factories or on farms. Some say that though promised food, lodging and pay, they receive only food and

lodging. That is the chief complaint of the Rev Gerard Jean-Juste, an exile who runs the Haitian refugee centre a few blocks from the Friendship Baptist Church. On the wall of the cramped headquarters, a poster reads: "INS attitude reminds Duvalier's Tontons

Macoute ". He points out that Cuban refugees automatically count as political exiles and are entitled to work permits and social security benefits. The law is that anyone who leaves a communist country may automatic-ally be regarded as a political

refugee Mr Jean-Juste said: "Here we are in such a condition of oppression and they keep telling us we are not political refu-gees. Many of those who come had good jobs—teachers, law-yers, farmers. If they didn't have the problems they have they wouldn't risk their lives

on filmsy boats to come here.

"But when they get here they get disappointed. They throw them in jail. They harass them. We told them that America was beautiful, that this is the land of justice and freedom." The refugee centre organizes fre-quent demonstrations in Miaml



Haitian refugees, packed into a small sailing boat graphed by the Coast Guard in the Florida Keys,

Mr Gullage of the INS said the refugees are detained for only a few days, for health checks and documentation, before being released into the community. But Mr Jean-Juste says there are cases of people being held for several months.

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Mr Jean-Juste believes that pite knowing that is number of people who do entourage still more to the number of people who do not make it may be almost as high as the number who do.

All the same they irritant, a source of he responsibility which the cans have no meral o to take upon themsel because they are a de humanitarian people The Haitians want the still more humanita giving them the right

Michael Lea

Tarnish comes off relationsh

Saudi doubts ease on US policies

man after Crown Prince Fahd's communism cannot be own heart. When President tained without your carter's National Security Adviser visited Riyadh recently, he spoke about the dangers of Saudi Arabia has not the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan and asked Saudi Arabia to contribute to an aid package for Pakistan, The Crown Prince, who had been less enthusiastic when faced with a more circumspect Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, immediately agreed, promising to bring in the Gulf

For Saudi Arabia the Cold War had never thawed and the past six weeks have been de-lightfully refreshing. The naglightfully retreshing. The nag-ging doubt that the United States would prove a friend in need has been essed. It is good to have the battle lines drawn

again. Although feted in commu-Atthough reted in communiqués and leading articles, the special relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States had been looking a little tarnished over the past 18 months. The friendship began when President Roosevelt met King Abdul Aziz on board the American destroyer Murphy in the Great Bitter Lakes in 1943 and reached what many Saudis felt was its apogee in the vic-tory of Congress voting to sell Saudi Arabia the F15 combat

aircraft nearly two years ago. Then things started going wrong. In the autumn of 1978 beavy-handed attempts to per-suade Saudi Arabia to approve of the Camp David principles only produced annoyance. Then Washington dropped Taiwan, without informing Saudi Arabia, Taipei's only important remaining supporter. The Shah fell alone, despite Saudi pleas to Washington that only

pieas to Washington that only his presence would save Iran from chaos.

A group in the Government, numbering among them Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, began to suggest a little distance might be seemly. The Crown Prince cancelled a visit to the United States, and hints were dropped that the Russians were not as bad as all that.

It was a discreet campaign, satisfying needs not to appear too much on anyone's side in the uncertain Middle East,

the uncertain Middle East, hedging bets with Iran and the radical Arabs and, as if a mistress fearing her lover inditerent, seeking proof of affection by recognize isolator.

After several official comments that the Soviet Union can play a constructive role in the search for peace, the Crown Prince came out last month with the love obligate roughly with the lease oblique remarks yet. He told the Lebanese magazine Al-Hawadess that while Islam and communism were irreconcilable. Saudi Arabia appreciated that Russia cannot he ignored. He was grateful that Soviet press campaigns were not nowadays so vituperative against Saudi Arabia, and pleased with the progress of trade relations. Contacts were under way through a third party which he

did not identify.
Unfortunately, the interview was given before the Russians moved into Afghanistan and was published afterwards. was published afterwards.

A more exact summary of the Saudi view was provided last year by Dr Ghazi Algosaibi, the Minister of Industry and Flectricity, He teld a meeting of American businessmen:

"Your industrial way of life for the coming decades will collaborate without Archeil The in-

large without Arab oil. The independence of the Arab coun-

Mr Zbigniew Brezinski is a tries in the face of ex-Saudi Arabia has no i

with any non-Arab or state that could be desc communist, the Soviet in Jiddah having been by Stalin in 1938 after. Arabs had proved unpe by "the Marxian creed, Soviet subjects are allo the Pilgrimage, the dozu Soviet Central Asians so years always being accor by an unlikely-looking Muslim. There is a commu

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the conflict in any other than those of good and t They are realists, t and recognize that comp is necessary for sufety. Be was before Afghanistan. Arabia has now taken a stand. It was the first c to announce a boycott Moscow Olympics this so and must take much c credit for the firmness declaration issued by Islamabad meeting of foreign ministers. Muslim tries, most of them reci that repayment is now est in support for the Saudi The threat is felt to be

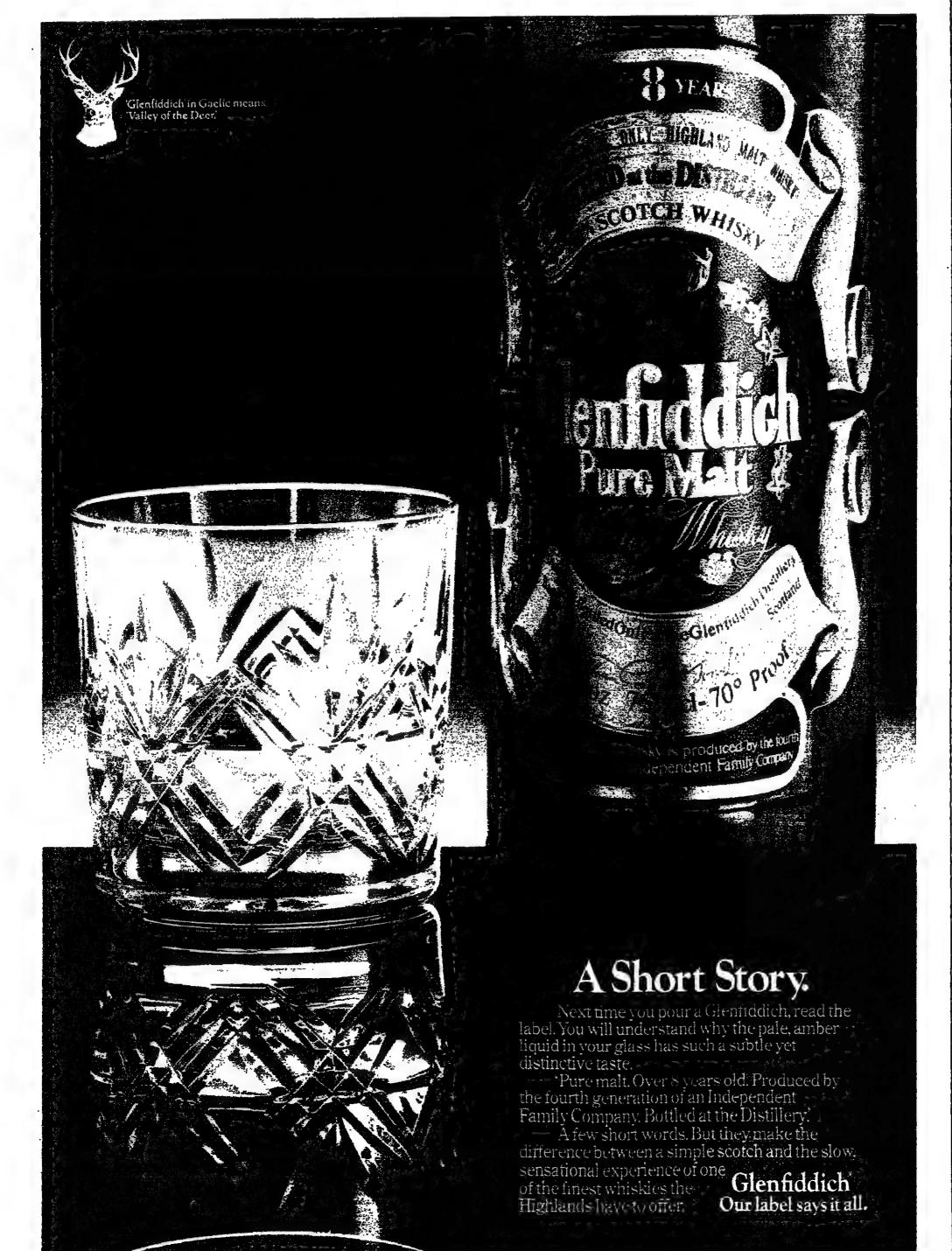
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While essentially concili even unadventurous, Arabia's foreign policy has consistent in its oppositic radicalism. Relations with wan and South Korea fulsomely treated as the cl of friendships; and, contous ellege, result in countries being for pol reasons favoured in the a of Government contracts.

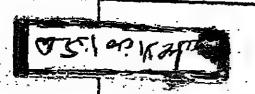
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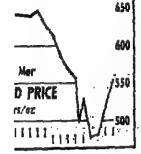
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Opposition from Treasury and Bank of England to full monetary base system

By John Whitmore and Ronald Pullen

The Treasury and the Bank of England made it clear yester-day that they are strongly opposed to the adoption of a full-blonded full-blonded monetary base system in the United Kingdom. But they confirmed that the resent "corset" controls on the banking system will he phased out as quickly as possible. They also said they were in favour of ending the present

reserve asset requirements for banks and replacing them with This will leave the authorities controlling the banking system through some sort of cash ratio system, special deposits and interest rates. The opposition to a full

monetary base system came yesterday in a Green Paper on monetary control, compiled jointly by the Treasury and the The idea is that the paper should provide a basis for about two months of consultation and debate with interested parties. After that the Government will move towards firm decisions on how best the monetary system should evolve.
The preparation of the Green

Chancellor last November. Doubts about the efficiency of the present monetary control system hadb een growing for some time. However, the decision in October to end exchange controls effectively sounded the death-knell for the system of "corset" control, albeit that the Governor of the Bank of England did request banks not to use their new freedom to use offshore sterling markets to frustrate the control.

would like to see the adoption present, and that interest rates of a rigid monetary base systhen move rapidly to the rate

Economics Editor
Storling M3, the broad
measure of the money supply
which the Government uses in

setting monetary targets, grew by 0.9 per cent in the February

banking month.
But the underlying increase

account, a more reliable esti-

mate of a growth of 0.6 per tent in the month would emerge. Over the eight months since June, sterling M3 has been

growing at an annual rate of

11.6 per cent, just above the 7 to 11 per cent band within

which the Government wants to

February represents a de-

relevation, and Sir Geotirey Howe, the Chancellor, greeted the figures as a "very consider-able slowdown" on the rate in-

entering from the previous gov-ernment. He pointed out in the Commons that since October money supply had been growing ar an annual rate of only 10

The true position remains obscured. At the heart of the rapid expansion in money supply which has caused the auth-

orities so much trouble is the

growth of bank lending, and so

for there are no clear signs that this is slowing. In banking February, it rose by £580m, but this figure probably understates

the true increase.

This is because of the com-

plex inter-relationship between all the components which make

up the money supply. Many companies paid their corpora-tion tax bills with certificates of tax deposit which they had

earlier bought.

Because of this, they did not

bave to go to the banks, and the bank of England estimates that 200m should be added to the figures to take account of this, bringing hank lending up to 2780m, near the high levels recorded at the end of last year.

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Against that, there was some distorting upward pressure on the bank lending figures. The

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Leading article Financial Editor Control difficulties

tem. Under such a system, banka would hold cash deposits (the monetary base") at the central bank, the size of these deposits being in a fixed ratio to some measure of the overall size of a hank's operationsthat measure ideally being the liabilities included in the measure of money the authori-

ties were seeking to control.

If these liabilities, and hence the money supply, grew too fast, the monetary base too would show excessive growth. The Bank would then be required to conduct market oners. tions to offset this excess, allowing interest rates to move to whatever level was needed to

achieve this.

The Bank has never been keen on such an idea, seeing it as too rigid, and possibly dangerously destabilizing. It is also reluctent to yield rotal dis-cretion over interest rates. Ministers and Treasury officials have accepted this.

A more flexible type of monetary base control also fails to win official support at this stage, though it was stressed vesterday that the Government open to persuasion. Under such a system, changes in the monetary base would pro-vide signals of required changes in interest rates and, for the most part, these would be auto-matic. The Bank would however retain the right to override the mechanism if it felt that circumstances justified such action.

The central issue is the best way to ensure that the need for For a time, it had seemed interest rate changes is sig-that some government ministers nalled more quickly than at

heavy tax payments and other

factors meant that the public

sector was not running a large deficit in February. Because companies were not getting

money from the Government, they had to go to the banks, so the lending figures should per-hans be revised downwards to

The figures seem to suggest

ing easy. The public sector horrowing requirement has

heen small in recent months

but is likely to expand again

during the new financial year.

This component of money

supply is likely to be more buoyant in coming months, though probably not in the

though probably not in the month to mid-March. Hopes of

bringing down monetary arowth rest on bringing down the rete of increase in bank

This can only happen if com-

panies succeed in running down

their stocks, which they are

financing with money borrowed

from the banks. The effect of that process will be to bring about a sharp drop in output

one possible sign mai the tide may have turned in this direction comes from the figures for sterling M1, the narrower measure of money

phased out.

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One possible sign that the

MONEY SUPPLY 1979-1980

Coinciding with the Green Paper, the Bank of England has published the criteria it would like to see for the measurement

of liquidity. The document is one of a series from the Bank about pru-dential supervision after last year's Banking A ot which gave the Bank more statutary respon-sibility for the banking system.

The essential feature of the proposals is that they try to pull together the old idea of a stock of liquidity", which up to now has been the main yardstick, with the trend since the authorities last aired their views in 1975 toward: more active liability management, whereby banks seek to balance the maturities of their assets and liabilities. At present, neither the quick assets nor the reserve assets ratios ensure that the harking system normall has the banking system overall has adequate liquidity.

Instead the Bank is opting for an "integrated" test to mold these two approaches into one—satisfying immediate liquidity needs such as may arise from a withdrawal of deposits and liquidity needs arising from unforesecable dificulties in financing future commitments.

To protect the banking system as whole of being drained of liquidity and to deter banks from holding too muc hof their liquidity in higher yielding assets, the Bank says that 40 per cent of the banks' liquidity needs should be held in the form of primary liquidity", which includes cash, balances with the Bank of England, call money with the discount market, Treasury and local authority

bills and gilts with less than a

US Steel accuses **EEC** over dumping

year to maturity.

Pittsburgh, March 20.-The United States Steel Corporation said today it would file antidumping complaints tomorrow seeking relief from unfair trade practices of steel producers from seven EEC countries. It said the complaints would be filed with the United States

Commerce Department and the International Trade Commis-The Corporation said the products involved in the com-

plaints were structural shares. plates. hot-roiled sheets, cold sheets and galvanized rolled sheers exported variously from France. Belgium. Luxembourg. Italy, Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany.

In its complaint, the corpora tion claims material injury from steel imports being sold at less than fair value in the United States from the seven countries over the last five years. The company said unfairly

priced steel imports over the rears have had and are having serious adverse effects on American producers. The corporation said it was

also investigating steel producers from Japan and other countries in preparing countervailing and anti-dumping com-

White House gives hint of tax cuts

US Economics Correspondent

Washington, March 20 President Carter may propose

rax cuts before November's election, according to informed sources. The White House is confident that its new plans will result in a budget surplus if there are not tax reductions for the 1981 fiscal year starting

on October 1.

The President's aim is to balance the budget and he favoured giving any surplus in the form of tax cuts to boost productivity, the sources said.
On current White House estimates the size of the fax curs could be around \$14,000 (£6,422m). No final decision will he taken in the next couple of months and the Administration is not prepared to base its plans totally on the figures contained Congress's hudget resouting mid-May. The sources said the decision might not be taken

before September.
The sources said the Congressional change in attitudes has

grammes and trimming back many anti-recession plans. The new Congressional to do this is remakable, the White House believes.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the President will not be proposing new defence spending increases or foreign military assistance increases, because of stan and Middle East develop-ments, the sources stress.

The Budget is going to be balanced and this achievement will improve public confidence in government's ability to coninflation, White House officials say.

The May Budget resolution to be approved by both houses of Congress will contain ceilings on public spending, but the numbers can always be changed. The Administration is not going to announce tax cuts before the details of the final Budget resolution have been agreed upon by the Congress in

believe their programme is realistic and conservative. They assert that anyone who believes the Congress would agree to preater cuts in spending than the ones the President is pro-

posing is simply dreaming. Arduous and exhausting dis-cussions with leaders of the Congress over the last two weeks have shown a total unwillingness of the Congress to fundamental, changes in the structure of main welfare pro-grammes, according to White House officials.

The sources said the President will only present tax cutwill be a balanced budget.

The President expects the Congress to accept his spending cuts, and the sources suggested that even some of the most Liberal members of the Con-gress have indicated a willing-

Senior White House officials spending in the Congress over result of the sharp rise in in-flation, top White House flation.

The specific spending cuts have still not been agreed upon by the President, but it does appear that his moves may force some state and local governments to raise taxes of

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Government grants to the states will be cut by \$1.700m which will mean that some cities receive less cash from state capitals. To offset this being damaging to cities like Chicago, New York and Detroit. with severe fiscal problems, the White House will propose a special relief programme for

Sources said the Administramean a dramatic cut in covernment borrowing requirements in the forthcoming fiscal year, from roughly \$54,000m this

Barclays profits 42pc higher at £529m

By Roman Eisenstein

major clearers to report its 1979 figures, yesterday announced profits of £529.4m, a 42 per cent increase. The dividend is lifted by 36.6 per cent and there is a one for five scrip issue with the promise of a maintained divi-dend, a 20 per cent increase for the current year.
Barclays has followed the

other clearers in what looks like a concerted defence strategy against charges of windfal: profits and has adjusted its figures for inflation. This shows a rise of 22 per cent at E335.8m for the group as a whole.

Air Derek Wever, vice chairman of Barclays said yesterday that "our profits as related to inflation are not excessive. The case for any sort of levy or profits tax is not made on any ground of logic

He pointed nut that the crucial capital to deposit ratio had barely changed in what was the best year in the present banking cycle. Ignoring inflatron adjustments, profits on domestic banking operations rose last year by 70 per cent to £325.4n

Last year the amount written off for bad dehts rose by half to £60.5m but for the current vear the bank has made bad dehis provisions of £379.8m, down by £21m on last year. Even so, had dehts could Mr Weyer worsen this year. confirmed that there already signs of some there horrowings by some companies.

The demand for loans from personal sector slackened so far this year while companies are still increasing ineir borrowings. Overall Barclays expects demand for money to fall off by the middle the year. With such a fall Barclays is

expecting the rate of interest to drop and by the end of the year it foresees base rate at Financial Editor, page 21

Bovis contracts

Bovis Construction has been awarded contracts worth aimost £15m by Marks & Spencer. They include the building of a new store at Truro and the ex-tension of existing stores at Barnsley and Kidderminster.

Bonn poised to sign DM 5,000m loans deal with Saudis

West German Finance Ministry and the Saudi Arabian monerary accords are thought to be on the point of concluding an agreement under which the Saudi monetary-authorities will land Germany rather more than DMS.000m in stages in return

A memorandum of understanding herween the two sides has been under negotiation for weeks. It is understood the Bonn Government's first direct borrowing from the Saudis under the terms of the agroement is almost completed and will he followed by other horrowings later. The finance ministry in Ronn

is being extremely cagey about details of the borrowing, refus-

under which the borrowings are being made. However, it now seems certain that earlier rumours that Bonn was plan-ning to borrow DM10,000m

Besides planning to horrow directly from the Saudi monerary authorities, Bonn has also been selling promisory note loans to the Saudis through commercial hanks. It is thought that the sales

have included three-year paper after last week's decision to permit foreign investment in German fixed interest securities of between two and four years' it was rumoured in Frank-

furt earlier roday that foreign investors had bought promissory notes worth between Dm2.00m

and Dm3.000m marks in the past fed days. The paper apparently took the form of three, four and five year notes yielding 9.85, 9.75 and 9.7 per cent respectively.

By borrowing abroad, West Germany is killing two birds with one stone in covering the Federal Government's substantial borrowing requirement, and helping to offset the expected DM20,000m deficit in the current account balance of payments this year. Sales of West German govern-

ment paper to oil producers can also be used to hinder too prost a devaluation of the Dentische mark on the foreign exchange markers as the nil producers have to self dollars for maria to be able to subscribe to Bonn 3

Coal board expects to

The National Coal Board looks like breaking even when its results are published in the lext week or two. Sir Derek Hern, the NCB chairman, who made this prediction on a col-liery visit in north Yorkshire yesterday, said: "We are the industrial scene because cnal is acing to be required and are going to produce it." Sir Derek told his audience

that there was increased production, higher productivity and absenteeism. industry had sold 10 million canes more than the predicted 115 million tonnes which was a

1947, such a remarkable transformation in one year." He put viccess down to investment paying off, the demand for coal rising and being met, and to the incentive bonus scheme for miners—all of which, he said, ere turning out well.

Performances started to improve last July. The industry had produced 4 million connes of coal more than last year and productivity had increased by 2 per cent in spite of the trans-

By Ronald Kershaw

one element of certainty on the

remarkable achievement. He said: "I have never known in all my years, since

port and stel strikes.

He added: "The important thing for the future is to keep things going, to keep up the momentum of investment

Intervention hope over Wardle works closure indicated that they are prepared

to intervene in discussions over the future of more than 300 jobs at the Caernaryon plastics factory of Bernard Wardle.
The Wardle group, which plans to close the Everflex leather cloth factory in May, is the subject of a takeover hid from Mr Graham Lacey's Ferguson investments. The offer, supported by the Wardle board,

If, as widely expected, Mr. Lacey acquires Wardle, he will be invited to discussions with Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, over the future of the Caernaryon

tactory.

This new more in the longrunning dahate over the Ever-flex plant was announced yesterday by Mr Dafydd Wigley, Flaid ymru MP for Caernarvon, who has led a local campaign to save the jobs. He also intends raising the subject during an adjournment debate in the Commons

The Wardle factory is the second largest employer in an area where unemployment is running at 11 per cent. This is expected to climb to 22 per cent over the next year as work on other local projects, including the Dinorwic pumped storage scheme, the Anglesey road bridge, and the Bangor district hospital, is run down.

Moreover, the Caernaryon area is being downgraded from "special development" status.

Mr Wigley said the Everflex closure could not be justified on simple commercial grounds. In the year ending November, 1979, the factory had a profit of £650,000 and estimated cash assets of £2.5m. Productivity improved last year by 37 per

An attempt to buy the facbusinessmen, represented by a shown at Caernaryon.



Mr Dafydd Wigley: Chours unjustified

Caernaryon solicitor has already failed. A resolution, calling tor the removal of the present managing director, Mr John Sharpe, has been pur forward for the annual meeting on April

Mr Wigley said yesterday that the takeover by Mr Lacay now seemed to offer the only hope of saving the factor. Mr Lacey has said he supports the policies of the present management, although Mr Wigley be-lieves he will consider a review of the decision to close.

Wardle's plan is to transfer Everflex production from Caernarvon to the plastic sheeting company of Armoride at Coine. Lancashire. This was acquired in 1978. The group says the more will

reduce costs, but Mr Wigley believes it is being made in an attempt to justify the decision to huy Armoride.

Mr Wigley said the Secretary of State accepted that it was contrary to public policy to move jobs from a special development area and that it was important to encourage, and not penalize the type of productivity improvement

Stock levels show £88m drop By Caroline Atkinson Evidence that industry has probably been forced to hold more stocks of the goods they

narrower measure of money which often gives a quicker indication of trends. This fell by 1.5 per cent in the February banking month.

Sterling M3 is growing faster than other measures of the money supply. One difficult presentational problem for the Government in meeting its target is to find a way of dealing with the boost to sterling with the boost to sterling a which will come as the corset on bank lending is phased out; begun to run down its stocks came vesterday with new figures for the last three months of last year. These showed that manufacturers' stocks dropped £88m during the three months, £50m more

than at first thought.

The overall figures for manufacturing mask a bigger fall in the companies stocks of intermediate goods and work in progress. These were down by £155m in the quarter. A rise in the level of finished goods stockpiled by manufacturers cut the overall figure for destock-

Industry as a whole was still

have produced because consumer demand has been lower than expected. This is one reason for the high level of bank lending at the end of last year and overshooting money supply.

Most forecasters expect a rapid turnround in the stocks

cycle this year, with a sharp fall in levels. This is one of the main elements in the widely forecast economic recession. Even a slowdown in stock building leads to lower gross domestic product, and an actual fall in the level of stocks has a powerful depressing impact.
It would also help to reduce

money supply. stocks rose Retailers' tistm in the final quarter of last year, nearly half of the total rise for 1979 in their stocks. Again this was probably because of lower shop sales than expected, rather than because of a deliberate attempt by re-tailers to build up stocks.
Within the manufacturing

had by far the biggest fall in the final three months of last year. The chemical industry on the other hand showed a big

Investment in the chemical industry fell by 10 per cent in volume terms last year from the 1978 level, according to revised figures. Overall invest-ment was 3.5 per cent down

adding to its stocks at the end money pressures in 1989 of last year. However, it is economy. As companies run likely that much of the rise was down their stocks they will As companies run likely that much of the rise was SIAMIJAS G. NO JEMA involuntary. Companies have reduce their demand for credit

Funds pour in at £1m a day before the Budget 'deadline'

term policies of 10 years or more, and is concerned that any reaction in the Budget might cause ripples throughout the whole industry. Although the sales of these

bonds are small compared with the intal life assurance business, fears that they will con-Despite the success of these tinue to grow are likely to bonds, the Life Offices Associatory tion wants to see the back of down on them.

So far companies issuing these bonds are limited to nonmembers of the LOA, If they survive the Budget unscathed, the larger member life assurance offices are likely to vie for this highly profitable business. Growth could distort the short term savings market with huilding societies as one of the main victims.

So anticipating the official axe, offices will be closing their bonds by next Wednesday morning at the latest.

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Bonds with a short life but a prosperous one Short term income bonds, return of between 18 and 19.5 them although so far it is in

which are likely to be killed off in the Budget next week, are enjoying a last-minute sales spurt. One life office offering these bonds is seeing money pouring in at the rate of £1m a day, while others report a last-minute flurry before what could be the deadline next Since these short term ponds

per cent net of basic rate tax while two-year bonds yield between 14 and 15.25 per cent

a year net of basic rate tax. advantage of tax relief pri-The short term bonds can marily designed for longer offer these attractive returns, thanks to tax relief on life assurance policies. The average holding in a bond is less than £1,500 with the bulk or money coming from elderly people, taking advantage of unused tax relief quota in an attempt to hoost their income.

the dark as to what will happen next week. It argues that the bonds take



Inflation in **EEC** lower last month

Consumer prices in the European Community rose 1,4 per cent in February from the previnus month and 13.9 per cent from February 1979, the EEC statistical agency Eurostat reported. The community inflation rate slackened from January's record monthly increase

of 2 per cent. The provisional consumer price index gained 2 points from January and 19.3 points from February 1979. Inflation was highest in Italy at 1.7 per cent, the United Kingdom at 1.4 per cent and Germany at 1.1 per cent-the steepest rise for that country since November

Prices rose 1 per cent in Holland and Denmark and 0.8 per cent in Belgium and Luxem-

Car plant reopens

Volkswagen is to resume the assembly of cars at its Sulzgitter plant where production was halted in 1975. The West German motor company will spend Dm200m preparing the plant for the restart in the spring of 1982.

Petrol £1.60 a gallon

Italian petrol prices rose by nearly 4 per cent today, their third increase in six months to take account of higher oil prices. A litre of super grade petrol now costs 680 lire (equal to £1.60 a gallon).

Steel orders down

Orders for rolled steel products received in February by West German steel companies declined 4.3 per cent from January but were up 16.2 per cent in a year. February rolled tonnes in January and 1,639,000 tonnes in January and 1,639,000 tonnes in February

Mexico stays out

Mexico has decided against joining the general agreement on tariffs and trade (Gatt), but will pursue a "new, more fair, economic order", Presi-dent Jose Lopez Portillo said. He said Mexico's economic declopment required more flexihillity than the 83-nation trade organization

World shipbuilding hits 13-year low

Output of the world's shipbuilding industry sank to a 13-year low last year, and although prospects for the future are a little brighter, world shippards still face a testing time over the next three years. Total world production amounted to

14,239,369 tons gross, representing a fall of nearly 4 million tons on the levels established in the previous year and the lowest level of completions since 1966.

The production figures, compiled in the

annual survey published by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, exclude the output from the Soviet Union and from Chinese yards. But they demonstrate the extent to which the shipbuilding industry has been forced to cut back production as a result of the steep drop in orders which arose from the 4 oil crisis and the collapse of demand for large rankers.

One of the most significant features to emerge from the latest survey is the emergence of the United States as a major force in world shipbuilding. Against the overall trend, the Americans achieved a record level of completions last year of 1.3 million tons—a level which the British industry has achieved in the past.

Helped by generous subsidies, the United States industry has become beavily involved in building costly and advanced ships especially chemical carriers and liquefied natural gas carriers. Last year's output, up by nearly 320,000 tons on the 1978 levels, included the three largest natural gas carriers completed last year.

Britain has complained to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) over a reported attempt by Belgian interests to

win a contract for a large power plant in China by offering an

interest-free loan to pay for it.

The offer, if proved, would breach the OECD's gendemen's

agreement on trade with developing countries. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Britain's Minister of State for Trade, refused to

comment on the individual case vesterday, but said that the

Government's views were being made known to the OECD.

He told businessmen at a

by Business Perspectives and

The Times to discuss trade prospects with Chipa: "We

prospects with China: "We don't think it is in anyone's

interests to start a credit war. If there are unfair practices we will, through the OECD, put

pressure on the countries using

follow concern, which has been

compounded by reports of the attempted Belgian deal, that Britain suffers from automatic

disadvantages in winning some of the large contracts which

of the large contracts which are expected as part of China's modernization drive. He admitted yesterday that British

companies were at a disadvantage because of the nature of

Parkinson's remarks

Mr

Complaint to OECD

the United Kingdom foreign

aid programme.

"One of the problems that we do have is that other governments may be in a better

position to use their sid programme to back up tueir businessmen than we can ", Mr

"Our aid programme, which is fairly considerable, is well committed in the future. A growing proportion now goes in

multilateral aid through such things as the World Bank. What

is left is very much spoken for in former colonies and newly

developing countries which we have a special relationship. Against that back-

offer no hope of the aid pro-gramme being increased."

But, he added, there was a

good basis for support for British companies' efforts in

China which, taken as a whole,

compared favourably with the support provided by other

Western governments.
The Export Credit Guarantee

Department had recently agreed,

in consultation with the British banks concerned, to extend its

support for medium to long

term project finance from the previous minimum of \$1m to a

new minimum of 5100,000m.
"We will, of course, face

fierce competition from other

industrialized nations seeking to

Parkinson said.

over China contract

In second place in the world order "league table", the United States output accounted for 9.5 per cent of all tonnage completed, but this was masked by the continued dominance of the Japanese. Their shipbuilding industry although substantially down at 4.7 million tons on the heady production levels of a few years ago, still accounted for nearly 33 per cent

of all merchant ships completed last year. In fact the tonnage completed by Japan's yards was the lowest recorded since 1964 and underlines the extent to which the world shipbuilding crisis has severely undermined the Japanese industry which had built up enormous capacity to meet demand for large ships.

Output was down by 1.6 million tons on the previous year, but the emphasis placed by Japan on export contracts and continued competitiveness alongside its European rivals was underlined by the fact that 60 per cent of all ships completed in Japan were for overseas registrations.

The French shipbuilding industry moved into third place with output of 719,863 tons, up by nearly 280,000 tons on the previous year, France, the United States, and Brazil, now firmly established as one of the world's leading shipbuilding nations, were the only countries to increase their completion levels last year. The Brazilian increase in output reflected the substantial build up of the country's domestic fleet-90 per cent of vessels

owners. Although still expensive, a number of Brazilian yards are beginning to look overseas orders to maintain production.

Against the background of the recent trickle of work into Britain, the largely nationalized United Kingdom shipbuilding industry slipped down the world rankings to fourth place, with output falling by nearly 442,000 tons to 691,404 tons.

The state sector of the industry is well on the way to achieving its target of a 45-ship baseload of work to tide it over the thin years ahead, and is mounting a drive to boost productivity which will be accompanied by further slimming of the

industry's labour force. Losses of British Shipbuilders in the year ending this month will be only just within the £100m limit set by the Government, and in the new financial year it will face an even tougher battle to remain

British shipowners continue to be major customers of foreign yards, much to the chagrin of British Shipbuilders' executives. Last year, according to Lloyd's, tonnage built overseas for United Kingdom flag registration amounted to 417,102 tons, while Britain's industry, which has managed to increase its share of orders for domestic owners, built 35 per cent of its slips for foreign owners.

Peter Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Contractors angered Furniture by cement prices

Sir. As Lord Boyd-Carpenter arrangement British cement ("Cement makers agree to peg prices for year", March 19) has joined those who "blow their heads off in public", may I acquaint him with some facts

of which he may not be aware: 1. Construction contracts of one year's duration or less, are awarded on a fixed price basis. Is he therefore really surprised at his customers' anger when with only a matter of days' warning one of the basic commodities jumps up no less than 24 per cent when it had risen by 13 per cent only six months previously and by a similar amount at the beginning of

Contractors do of course anticipate increases in their highly competitive bids, but on the experience of last year they could at best only make similar assumptions about price rises in 1980. On fast, cement-intensive contracts, of 12 months' duration, the difference on one contract alone between a rise of 13 per cent in six months, compared with 24 per cent in one jump, can amount to 550,000. Anybody who submitted a bid before February 11 is badly caught.

2. When the cement makers successfully defended their pricing arrangements before the Restrictive Practices Court in 1963, one of the main argu-ments which was accepted by

the court was that due to that was the cheapest in the world. After a further 17 years of operation, this is no longer so. and resulting from the recent price rises, importation of con-

tinental cement cannot be long delayed. 3. The price of cement is arrived at on a "cost-plus," basis, taking into account what is "needed" to achieve a satisfactory return on capital. As a process industry much of their

costs are made up of: depre-

ciation; cost of replacement of

assets; and overheads, and are fixed ". On a cost plus basis in a time of falling demand prices inevitably materially rise. This is in great contrast to the rest of industry where, due to market forces, prices fall in real terms. That is the outworking

of free enterprise.

4. While this federation is plad to receive the assurances that they have now been given by the cement makers, if it had not been for the director-general and myself "blowing our heads off in public", even this modest concession not have been obtained. MAURICE LAING,

The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, Cowdray House,

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From Mr R. W. Bloom

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Little Court, Penny Plot, Lyme Regis,

Languages and trade

From Mr C. G. Hadley Sir, Bob Crew's interesting article "Loss of trade and lack of language" March 10 included a number of statements that call for correction:

It is no longer true that " most "A level syllabuses in modern language, insist that quantities of classical literature should be learnt": some allow students to replace literature

by background study or to choose a combination of these elements; moreover, the lists of prescribed texts have for many authors; an increasing number of boards are putting out alter-native syllabuses that concen-

trate on the language.
Although it may be true that notential sixth form students of modern languages have been put off by the traditional literary image of the subject, the relative decline at that level cannot be attributed solely_or even largely to that cause. The reasons for the "unpopularity" of modern languages in the sixth form are many and varied, and the career image and the structure of the curriculum must be included among these.

We are all aware with Bob Crew that a good linguist does

not necessarily make a good business man, but there can be no question that a competence in languages is a desirable addition to other qualities and skills. Since we have difficulty selling our goods, we cannot afford to follow the quoted example of the Americans and Japanese. Language teachers accept

that of servicing students in other specialisms. The rejected "N" and "F" proposals for the restructuring of the sixth form curriculum, would have ensured that more stdents relanguages. Our main thrust new must be to develop and support the "AO" syllabuses of the type mentioned in Bob Crew's article. They will, however, attract customers in sufficient numbers only if AO is accorded real status in the framework of

sixth form studies,

Herrfordshire. March 17,

Yours faithfully, C. G. HADLEY, Headmaster, (Chairman, Schools Council Modern Languages Committee), Goffs School. Goffs Lane, Cheshuat, EN7 5QW,

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Painswick.

March 15.

Mr Edward Heath meets Mr Liu Chin-sheng, commercial

counsellor at the Chinese embassy, at the Business Perspectives/The Times conference on Chinese trade.

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marketing skills for selling and

helped to offset the Chinese

But Mr Parkinson warned

British businessmen not to regard China as an "Eldorado" for trade. "Certainly our trade figures for the past 12 months show that British industry has

responded vigorously to the new

Our exports in 1979 more than

the first time since 1975,

doubled over the previous year. We had a surplus of \$75 million

and total trade reached a record

China

challenges of the market", he said.

lack of foreign exchange.

But many British goods com-pare favourably with any in the

world for quality and sophistica-

sectors, be flexible and imagina-

tive in our trading methods, and

sell our goods on the right terms, then the Chinese market

should be increasingly profit-

Much new business, however,

will be in the form of counter

trade, though the Government "does not actively encourage counter trade, and indeed it has

some instinctive reaction against

it ", said Mr Parkinson.

" If we can cultivate the right



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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Barclays holds the line

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so the Barclays shares at 415p are ly taxed p/e ratio of 4 and yield cent-less than other clearers but a promise of a 20 per cent improve-er the scrip issue. The shares are

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int Treasury-Bank of England ive paper on monetary control may, be something of a disappointment ine advocates of a monetary base lut there was nothing in the paper feathers in the City.

icular, the gilt-edged markedt was mored, and there was no hint that ount/money markets would be to make any structural changes. t all, the banks were as good as speedy release from the and its mounting penalties.

lat one should make of the paper of likely changes of the monetary vstem over the coming year is not lear. Certainly, the cynics will take that this is a paper that desibned maintain the status quo. In other is a paper designed to leave the

oly that is not sevholly tell conficient way the authorities have the fact he game over the past couple of ore importantly, I think it would be o assume that they are totally to accepting a process of gradual.

Indeed in a system that is now be almost exclusively dependent on ate interest rate changes, that is a in which they are bound to be

e is any notable gap in yesterday's ive paper, it is the decision not to h government funding. It may, prove that the decision to phase present reserve asset requirements ole the authorities to develop and ore effective use of short-term ent debt instruments — with the yield on Treasury Bills presumably

ns of short-term monetary implica-: confirmation that the corset will ne consigned to the scrap-heap may

figures were at the top end of swell sterling M3 to the extent that ions with profits broadly in line reintermediation takes place. Markets will presumably take that in their stride, however, provided the process takes place quickly and is, therefore, reasonably visible.

The Bank of England's proposed changes the way it measures bank liquidity, meanwhile, are fairly close to the way most banks run their operations at present.

Even the new "primary" liquidity ratio

is a reasonable approximation to the old reserve asset ratio so there are unlikely to be any radical changes in bank balance sheets to upset the money markets.

However, those banks which rely heavily on the wholesale money markets, where refined matching techniques have been developed, could find themselves having to reduce the extent of their mismatching or build up more liquid assets if they are to meet the Bank's criteria.

Even here, though, the banks are likely to find the authorities more accommodating than in the past since the primary liquidity requirement is not absolutely fixed as the old reserve asset ratio was which had to be observed for monetary control purposes.

Stone-Platt

Assessing the damage

Recovery for Stone-Platt will be a long, uphill struggle. One of its textile machinery divisions is still losing money, both are on short-time working and although the electrical, marine and pump businesses are looking for improvement over 1979, there are likely to be some tough decisionsmaybe more closures—ahead.

The worst year in the group's history ended with losses of £2.94m. The final dividend has been passed. After exchange losses, provisions against the Oldham factory closure and a goodwill write-off, reserves have suffered to the tune of £17.5m.

Although an estimated £7m surplus on property revaluations makes up some of this, a sharp rise in borrowings still leaves gearing doubled; net debt of £35.7m mostly long and medium term was equal to two thirds of ordinary shareholders' funds.

Profits have now fallen from a record of £15.6m in 1976; management changes, restructuring, tight controls on spending are at last being implemented. Down 5 p to 37p the shares compare with asset backing of 134p. But for the moment, it looks like one where angels would fear to tread, unless of course a bidder emerges.

C T Bowring

Good defensive ammunition

Whether or not it will be allowed to go ahead, Marsh & McLennan's bid for C. T. Bowring has galvanized the British group. Pre-tax profits at £38.5m are marginally

up on the previous year but a good £3m shead of most outside estimates. Meanis a paper design.

It is considerable discretion in the second of interest rates for at feast second over spices is as much as come e danger that opterest sate thanges over spices is as much as come e danger that opterest sate thanges over spices is as much as come interest rates of the gross over spices is as much as come interest rates of the gross of while, a dividend increase of 76 per cent

support. Results from Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, are up £1.2m at £4m but significantly bolstered by a write-back of bad debt provisions while underwriting results up £2.1m at £6.7m thanks to a good year at Crusader are spectacularly good.

The shares up 5p to 133p yesterday represent 10 times fully taxed earnings and offer a yield of 6.4 per cent which does not reflect much of a premium for the Marsh bid, which would currently be worth a shade under 160p.

They could still look a little expensive if as seems likely the Marsh bid falls by the wayside for the time being although not that expensive given that the latter part of this year could offer substantial recovery prospects. When interest rates start to fall Bowmaker will naturally benefit, while insurance premiums, and thus commissions, could start to turn up in the summer.

The aim of monetary control is to bring the rate of growth in the money supply into line with the long-term growth potential of the economy.

This, it is argued, will make

and create a healthy environment that should prove more conducive to real economic growth than the destabilizing inflationary conditions that prevailed for much of the seven-

The theory may sound simple enough. Its implementation has, however, proved rather more difficult.

There are two principal reasons. First, politicians have regularly been tempted to inflate the money supply to try to get the economy moving, and have equally regularly been tempted to avoid prescribing the medicines needed to cure the resultant inflation.

Second, monetary control is a complicated process. In an effort to find ways of improving control the Treasury and the Bank of England yesterday issued a consultative document. The first task in monetary control has to be to define money and establish what one

is seeking to control. The commonest definition of money would include notes and coins in circulation (15-20 per cent of the total) and deposits held with the banks. There is, however, considerable debate as to whether this is an advance. to whether this is an adequate definition.

Some would argue for the inclusion of building society deposits (now bigger than per-sonal sector deposits at the banks) and private sector holdings of assets, such as Treasury Bills, which can be readily converted into cash.

It is not surprising, therefore, that there is also considerable debate over precisely what type of money the authorities should concentrate on in their efforts o achieve control.

In recent years the Govern-.

Monetary control easy in theory, difficult in practice

ment has sought to control what is known as stering M3, made up of currency in circulation and bank deposits held by United Kingdom residents.

Although it has not always proved a particularly good measure, and though it may also have been rendered rather less useful now that the United Kingdom resident is free to switch his money between sterling and foreign currencies at will, the authorities feel that it is the best measure for control purposes. They also believe that for simplicity's sake the projected growth in sterling M3 should remain the only published monetary growth target.

System

The mechanical problems of making the money supply develop along the chosen path are various. First, it is important to remember that, the counterpart to the deposits in the banking system is credit. It is the expension (and contract is the expansion (and contrac tion) of banking credit that provides the dynamic for changes in the money supply.

Money is created when the public sector borrows from the banking system to finance its domestic borrowing require-ment or, equally importantly, to obtain sterling to sell in the foreign exchange markets. It is also created when the private sector borrows from the banks.

of monetary growth; an efficient system for financing

the Government from outside banking system, since outside borrowing is neutral in money supply terms (an outgoing payment being matched by proceeds from a private sector purchase of a government savings instrument); and an effective way of influencing private sector credit expansion.

The public sector borrowing requirement does not fall within the remit of the consultative paper. The Government is already committed to progressive reduction of the PSBR as a percentage of gross national product

Ways to finance the Government outside the banking system are not really touched upon either bur, perhaps, should have been. The Bank of Eng-land's discussion article on the funding system in last June's Ouarterly Bulletin poured Quarterly Bulletin poured enough cold water on change to discourage debate on an important subject Under the present system the Government has trouble in sell-

ing its debt to the private sec-Funding has tended to become 'a feast and famine affair, a battle of wits between the Bank and large institutional investors.

The ideas most commonly put forward for change in this area

The broad requisites for are fourfold: index-linked monetary control are a public securities which it is assumed sector borrowing requirement that the institutions would appropriate to the desired rate gobble up; a broader range of index-linked that the institutions would gobble up; a broader range of debt instruments that would reduce dependence of instirutional whim; a tender system for selling debt, under which the authorities would offer the amount of debt they needed to sell but allowing market bidders to determine the price needed to ensure clearance; and, less spoken of these days, government direction of invest-

Growth

It is the influencing of private sector credit growth, con-trol of the banking system, and short-term interest rates, that concerns yesterday's consultarive paper principally. The Government is totally

opposed to any form of quantitative controls on private sector credit growth, largely on the grounds that strict controls on the banks would lead to credit creation inoving out of the mainstream banking system. This is what has happened with the present "corset" system. which seeks to restrain credit growth by penalizing banks which attract excessive amounts of deposit money to lend to third parties. Without these sorts of controls

the system has to fall back on the interest rate mechanism.

The crucial issue then becomes just how one arrives at the level of interest rates required to meet the monetary target.

The present complaint is that interest rates tend to change too slowly and ofren, for poli-tical reasons, by an insufficient amount. The Bank of England's minimum lending rate, for in-stance, is an administered rate, albeit that it rends to reflect underlying market develop-

Many pure monetarists believe that the best way to control the system is to require the banks to place money or deposit at the central banks these deposits (the monetary base") being in some kind of mandatory ratio to the size of their overall book.

As the size of their books grew, so the size of the monetary base would grow. If it grew above a consistent with the official target for monetary growth, the Bank would be required to take action in the marker to reduce the base, operations being forced through at the market clearing price.

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Neither the Treasury nor the Bank are very keen on this idea. They see it as far 100 rigid and feel that it could be destabilizing, and need big changes in the financial

They are rather less opposed They are rather less opposed to the idea of using a monetary base measure (in a rather more flexible system, with full lender of last resort facilities) to provide an "indicator" for necessary interest rate changes sary interest rate changes.

The heart of the question, however, is the extent to which these interest rates should be automatic and the extent to which the authorities should have a right to override indicated changes. It is around this point that most of the forthis coming debate will take place,

John Whitmore

Adrienne Gleeson

Stock relief: how much longer for this ramshackle system? them otherwise, that ED 24 is not merely the most practicable

Stock relief was introduced in the November, 1974 budget, in response to a swelling chorus of complaint about the combined effects of price controls and cost inflation on company

liquidity.
Under the 1974 budget provisions, companies might defer tax payments on profits equal to the amount by which the value of their stocks had risen, less a deduction equal to 10 per cent (later raised to 15 per cent) of trading profits. No one pretended that this device was either accurate or sophisticated, but in a rough and ready fashion it was supposed to save companies from the burden of companies from the burden of paying tax on profits which, being wholly attributable to a rise in the price of stocks, would disappear as rapidly as they had emerged if those stocks had to be replaced at the price of the profit new and higher prices.

new and higher prices.

In saving companies from the burden of such tax payments, this device proved to be extremely effective. The yield on corporation tax, which had amounted to £2,858m in the year 1974-75 (on profits made in the year to the end of March, 1973), dropped by almost £1,000m in the following 12 months. Although the total tax paid by the corporate sector (mainstream corporation tax, and advanced corporation tax

and advanced corporation tax on dividend payments) has since risen to £3,930m (in 1978-79), the proportion of Inland Revenue receipts coming from companies is still little over half what it was in 1973-74.

The decline cannot be put down wholly to the operation of stock relief. The introduction of 100 per cent first year allowances on capital investment, earlier in 1974, also helped bring down the liability to tax of those companies which were in a position to invest anyway. in a position to invest anyway.

over the five years since it was introduced, has reflected an appreciation by successive Chancellors of the Exchequer, that the profits so exempted are in fact not profits at all. The introduction of current cost accounting (almost certainly this year at any safe fact tainly this year, at any rate for those among the biggest com-panies which have not started producing CCA supplements to

their accounts already), is likely to underline the point. On the latest estimate from stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, annual pre-tax profits of the 120 largest British companies (excluding oils and finencials)
would, on the latest variation of current cost accounting (ED24), be 35 per cent lower-than those given in the historic accounts; and roughly half the reduction is attributable to the cost of sales adjustment.
Mr Gordon Richardson, the

Governor of the Bank of England, pointed out some months ago, that an Inland. Revenue study suggested that a cost of sales adjustment along the lines proposed in ED24, would reduce companies tax bills by even more than the present system of stock relief.

But if stock relief does not undaly favour the corporate

sector in general, there is no quubt that its operations in perticular have a curiously lop-sided effect. Thus, while the commercial and industrial sectors benefit fully from increases in the value of their stocks, the financial sector does not: in fact, City estimates suggest that most of the mainstream corporation tax now being paid is coming from this

Moreover, in its operations the relief tends, if anything, to favour the inefficient company whose stocks are allowed to run unnecessarily high and to penalize those companies in which more stringent concrols are exercised. Finalty, there is the occa-

.Whether this is unfair is a sional anomaly, when stocks different matter altogether. The fluctuate wildly for reasons perpetuation of stock relief, outside menagement's wishes or control. This has happened recently in companies affected by the steel strike, and caused such alarm—at the prospect of large tax clawbacks—that the Chancellor was moved to announce that allowances would be made for such uncontrollable fluctuations.

A system of taxation based on the provisions of ED 24 would do something to iron out these problems. But, thanks possibly to a greater reduction in stock profits than the stock adjustment allows, and certainly to the introduction of an adjustment to allow for the fall in the value of money on net monetary working capital, it would almost certainly reduce the yield of corporation

tax still further.

However, it is not likely to happen in the coming Budget. Accountants are on the point of agreeing, despite some last minute attempts to parauade

form of accounting for the sffects of price rises on company profits, but also sufficiently accurate to be worth bringing into operation.

But the Government, which has resolved additional to be in the covernment. has resolutely declined to bring

in major changes in company taxation until the accountants have reached some consensus on the meaning of the word profit, is hardly likely to aban-dom that stance now.

If there are to be changes in

the Budget, they are much more likely to focus on attempts to limit the "tax sheltering" devices that companies which still have a subscential liability to maintreasure. stantial liability to mainstream corporation tax have developed as a first line of defence against its imposition - and notably the use of leasing confirst-year allowances. Sooner or later, however, the

ramshackle system will have to when—and if—the profitability be swept away, to be replaced of companies can be increased by something more sophistica.

ted and more sensitive to the conditions affecting individual companies. Ahead of its introduction there are two causes, for anxiety about the probable

The first is serious enough:
If tax is to be levied on profits
as established under current cost accounting procedures, then—as the implementation of ED 24 is envisaged at the moment—they will be levied? not on the profits shown in the main profit and loss account, but on those shown in a separate supplement. For most of the users of accounts, the result is likely to be present confusion

worse confounded.

The second is more serious still. Taxation of the corporate, sector, under CCA procedures, is likely to be even lower than it is at the moment. And, fail-ing a decision to run down industries by forcing them to use replacement capital to pay tax, that will only be reversed

Plugging into the sun for profit

the United States has not yet, emerged from the signs are that solar power is on the threshold than the signs are that solar power is on the threshold transform. f a boom that could transform it into a key energy source by Nobody would suggest that

what California or Texas does today in solar energy could be directly applied as effectively tomorrow (or even the day after tomorrow) in sunny Yorkshire or Lancashire. But the experience of the United States is relevant as an indicator of future directions—and indeed rhere are several promising lines of solar research in Britain which could lead to substantial export business. Harnessing the infinite, non-

polluting power source that is sunlight is difficult and expensive Solar panels (similar to central heating hot water radia-tors, but absorbing heat instead of radiating it) are available for space and water hearing in buildings. But the cost of the inere efficient photovoltaic solar cells, which convert stallight directly into electricity, remains

Not surprisingly, the new field has attracted small-com-pany entrepreneurs. About 75 small companies dropped out of the business in 1978, and were replaced by an equal num-

Lockheed and Westinghouse are a cleaner environment, Congress among the companies investing large sums in solar research and development. The Barry figure of a \$20,000m

industry by the year 2000 is based on a United States trategy of active federal support for solar technology, the most positive of three options outlined in a recent Solar Domestic Policy Review ordered by

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of Energy spent over \$600m on solar research and development in 1979 and will spend more this year. Its own estimate (more conservative than that of the

Technology

Among the projects being indertaken by the Department Energy are construction of 10-megawatr solar thermal receiver in Barstow, California;

cial and federal buildings and for industrial process heat; and solar commercialization activi-

Solar phorovoltaic technologies are to be integrated into the electric grid system; and storage technologies are to be developed,

power of 180 megawatts would

be required. In the interests of energy independence, conservation and recently passed the National Energy Act, which provides sub-stantial tax and other incentives

"Congress and the White

solar collectors over the next 10 years—more if the MX missile programme and its solar electric network are approved.
Military housing will incorporate solar installations wherever

and the incentives available in this state are particularly attrac-tive. The California Solar Energy Indusules Association has a membership of more than 200 companies including manu-facturers, distributors and fin-ancial institutions.

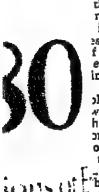
Evacuated tube collectors, which rely on the insulation properties of a vacuum, are twice as efficient—and twice as expensive—as are flat plates, and can operate at higher temperatures.

Concentrating collectors (typ-lcally assemblies of mirrors) are used to focus the sun's radiation on to a boiler in which the temperature is high drive turbines to produce elec-tricity. Unlike flat-plate and evacuated-tube collectors, con-

into electricity. About a dozen American manufacturers are making silicon solar arrays and there are two pilot production lines for cadmium sulphide arrays.

from the present level of about 515 to about 50 cents per peak watt—that is, they must be cut to one-thirtieth—if they are to compete with conventional

This is a measure of the challenge. Research and development to meet this goal is under way at a number of government, industrial and university centres in several countries. including Britain and the United



Business Diary: Hôtel des Franglais? • Home on the range

to the takeover of one of Paris's main one of Paris's main orelier, by our Grand huded in the peckage frand Hotel, the Hotel the Prince de Galles amous Café de la Paix. Met.—after Trusthouse e largest hotelier in came in last August attempt to keep such e bit of real estate in rands the government dragging its feet over the necessary appro-Grand Met. to acquire er cent interest that it ed to buy. Approaches ie to the French hotel votel and to the com-Bank of Paris et des.

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Reit to det a me job" save Brit to get a top job", says David Chambers.

> The Portman is part of the Intercontinental chain which is owned by Pan-Am, although our

by the then executive chef Felix Munitohyler.

went back home. Chambers, who started 10

Well, Chambers has cracked it At 26, Chambers born in the Irish Republic and brought up in London-is the new executive chef of the Fortman Inter-Continental Hotel in

own British Airways has a two-thirds piece of the hotel itself. Chambers' promotion, how-ever, has less to do with chanvinism rather than being in the right place doing the right thing at the right time.

Eighteen months ago he was a junior chef at the Carlion Tower, when he was hired to do the same thing at the Portman

Such is the musical chairs in Such is the musical chairs in international hotel cuisine, that Muntwhyler six months later was back in his native Switzerland, and within a year or so the next man in charge, Bruno Bressem (a Frenchman) went off to Manila, and then Chambers' predecessor, Anton Lopicher (another Swiss) also went back home.

years ago as an apprentice with Grand Met's Piccadilly Hotel, now has 42 staff.

He reckons his greatest asset is would, his and that of his lads. "I'm on the same wavelength as they are: the average age there is 20. One lad. who the world go by. It is staying at the hotel, could not



Photograph by Chris Ball. Chefs confer: David Chambers (left) and sous-chef Peter Tibvetts in the kitchens of the Portman Inter - Continental Hotel in London yesterday.

About half of his staff are French, and the rest German or British. The French, he says, are best at the hot foods, purticularly sauces, and the Germans excel at cold table. And the British? "Ah, they are the best placed of all. They

can learn from both schools

because they don't have a

distinctive national tradition of executive's job includes John Parker the board member for their own." Chambers is not best placed in wife Carol's kitchen. I don't the world go by. It is staying at the note; could not in wife Carot's kitchen. I don't note appropriate now ou would see most of a come to buy.

It is staying at the note; could not in wife Carot's kitchen. I don't go in there unless insited, and sleep the other night, so at 2 go in there unless insited, and that is most likely to do the washing up."

Michael Casey, soon to be the exchief executive of British Shipbuilders was out of the corporation's Knightsbridge office yesterday "on business" when Business Diary rang to ask what his plans were. The former under secretary at the Department of Industry in charge of shipbuilding policy informed his board colleagues yesterday that he would be leaving in mid-Casey was propelled on to the ridge at British Shipbuilders

back in 1977 when Graham Day, chief executive designate re-signed because of the then Labour Government's delays in bringing the shipbuilding industry into public ownership. The under secretary took on one of the toughest jobs in industry, though lacking in commercial experience in industry.

Under the terms of his secondment Casey is entitled to return, if he wants, to the Civil Service with the rank of under Secretary (unless Sir Peter Carey, permanent secretary at the Industry Department sees fit to recommend a proofion). But whether Casey will be pre-pared to take a cut from around £30,000 a year with all the trappings of a top executive to the £18,780 salary enjoyed by an under secretary is another mat-ter. Business Diary hears that he has been looking to the private sector for his next move. The Government now has to find a new chief executive, at a time when the present chairman, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin is leaving in June. Internal candidates for the chief

marketing (at 37 perhaps a bit roung) and John Steele, part-

 Watch out for a doorstep challenge from the free market-eers of Hongkong. One of their key manufacturers in the tex-riles and clothing field, worried like the Hongkong government and the rest of the EEC under the latest Multi-Fibre Arrange-ment (MFA), is negotiating for a £10m factory in Britain. This was let slip yesterday by Bill December the Colony's

Bill Dorward, the colony's Director of Trade, Industry and Customs, who is in London for talks in Whitehall about the next round of MFA negotiations which start in earnest later this Dorward has been sworn to secrecy for the moment but apparently the new factory will produce both textiles and clothing and will not be in an

area of the country traditionally associated with textiles.

Dorward, who has seen Hong-kong's clothing and textiles exports to Britain drop from 16 per cent to 13 per cent during the MFA's second stage over But he is keeping quiet about a concerted policy for the new MFA takes which the textile group of developing countries are this time going to try to put together, spread apart as they are from Latin America, the Far East and India.

I collect matchbooks, and the pride of my collection so far is one from Leicester insurance brokers, H. & L. Ridgway. Given the amount of business that comes brokers way through jear of fire, I suppose it is guite natural brokers should want as many matches as possible in circulation pour encourager les autres.

directly into electricity, remains almost as high as the orbits of the spacecraft for which they were originally developed.

According to a recent solar energy research report by Theodore Barry & Associates, management consultants, of Los Solar agement consultants, of Los Solar (Company of London to form the Maynard & Barry consultancy), the present \$150m a year (about £70m a year) solar energy industry in the United also consultances. the century.

> ber of new entrants in 1979. But solar power is not just a cottage industry. Corporate giants such as General Motors, Exxon, General Electric (USA),

New industries typically begin with rudimentary technology and expensive products, than as the technology and markets develop the price comes down and the industry grows.

The solar energy industry in the United States bas nor yet. The United States Department

policy review) is that solar energy will contribute between 10 and 15 per cent of the expected American energy demand by the turn of the captury. Other federal agencies are also. funding solar work.

advanced research in novel advanced research in novel photovolusic materials and existents; systems development and engineering for passive solar applications, agricultural and industrial process heat, and active heating and cooling systems; demonstration programmes in residential, commer

Further substantial funds for solar energy development could energy industry in the United also come in connexion with the States is expected to grow to proposed MX missile progabout \$20.000m by the turn of ramme of the United States Department of Defence, A range of renewable-energy systems are being considered for this programme, which would involve the construction of about 4,500 missile shelters, arranged in 200 clusters in Utah and Nevada. A continuous

for people who adopt solar systems in their homes.

House appear committed to solar energy", the Barry report notes. "Billions of dollars are about to be pumped into a young and fragmented solar in-Ross Davies President Carter. By the year dustry that did not even exist 2000, this review concluded, before the Arab oil embargo. dustry that did not even exist

In addition to the research and development support and economic incentives, the United States government will also buy \$1,500m worth of photovoltaic solar collectors over the next they are more economical.

Nearly half all solar energy systems being installed in the United States are in California, and the incentives available in

Among the range of technologies available, about 200 companies in the United States are supplying flat-plate collectors (solar panels) at prices from about \$1,000 to about \$15,000. These are already competitive with electric heating but not with oil and gas-fired units. Their market is that of units. Their market is that of hot water and space hearing in homes and commercial build-

enough to produce steam to centrators work only on sunny days because they cannot focus diffuse light. Finally, photovoltaic cells or collectors convert light directly

Prices here must be reduced energy systems and achieve broad commercial application.

Kenneth Owen

Stock markets

Interest centres on oils and mines

Interest in stock markets continued to be sporadic and confined to a few sectors with the general trading pattern remaining dull and lifeless as investors looked cautiously ahead to next week's Budget.

As on the previous day, the oils and mines sector showed the most activity, although the market received a boost during the afternoon with the news that the steel talks will be resumed today. The unions are expected to request that a three-man committee of enjuiry consider their

Gilts were not helped at the beginning of the day by the Bank of England's Quarterly Review prospects and the Governor, Mr Gordon Richardson's warning that high interest rates would be around for some time.

A spate of company results, including figures from Barclays Bank and Tricentrol, dominated

Although the FT Index dropped back 1.4 to 430.6, it gradually improved and maintained

this through to the close, finishing at 433.3, up 1.2.

The only chapges after hours included some easing in oils and mines. BP shaved an earlier for gain to finish 2p up at 358p while Tricentral moved back 40 while Tricentrol moved back 4p to 288p, still ending 8p up after reporting a £13m profits im-

provement.
Some of the heavy-weight gold shares lost around 50 conts from rises achieved earlier on the higher bullion price. In the gilt-edged market, the day started El easier for longs

but picked up, to close £; easier. The Government's iroposals announced at lunchtime of monetary control contained enable it to maintain the divibecome a reality. On the bid too few radical changes to the to 186p, while Dunlop added 1p front, Furness Withy were

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Dixor

rescue

operation

By Our Financial Staff
Following a £249,000 annual
loss at cosmetics munufacturer

Dixor-Strand a non-executive

director. Mr Norman Davis, has

arranged a £500,000 rescue operation for the company.

The cash will come from the issue of shares and loans to

two London businessmen who

are aleady associated with the

manufacturing and marketing of cosmetics and toiletries.

Under the new scheme-which

has to be approved by shareholders—the newcomers will end up with 80 per cent of the

enlarged company. It is pro-posed that Mr Davis will be-

Approval has already been given in principal by the Take-

Over Penel and the new inves-

tors will not be required to

Strand got into trouble follow-

ing a factory move and in the 12 months to September 30,

a pre-tax loss of 5249,000, 1979, plunged into the red with

egainst 8 previous profit of 531 000. Turnover rose from 5399.000 to 433,000 in the

Since the year-end, the groun

has been trading at a loss and,

according to the company, this

the shortage of cash to

A long-term loan of £5000.000

was not considered feasible because of the high level of

has jeopardised trading because

of the shortage of cash finance continued business.

Law Society

suggests easing

of stamp duty

In its Eudger submission to the Chancellor, the Law Society

recommends that stamp duty should not be charged on trans-

fers of property worth less than £30,000—ie. double the present

exemption limit of £15,000. The

society also says that there should be some relief from

capital gains tax to allow for

the inflationary element in gains. Its members suggest that the value of an asset should be

increased by a fixed percentage for each year that it is held, so

reducing the gain that is taxed.

duction in the top rate of

capital transfer tax, from 75 to

50 per cent and the doubling of the present exemption limit to £50,000. They say that the

annual exemption of £2.000 should be lifted to £5.000. They recommend that the percentage

of earnings which may be con-tributed to self-employed pen-

sion schemes should be sub-

stantially increased.

They also recommend a re-

The London-based Dixor-

come the new chairman.

TIDBCI. Shorts opened £ to £; off

the market steadied slightly and hovered around the lower levels

Shares in Eurotherm International (yield hist over 2 per cent) have dived 47p to 303p in little more than a fortnight. A brokers circular, rights issue rumours and worries that directors may sell more of their shares, were to blame. There will be no rights issue, capital spending has passed its peak, pre-tax profits this year could rise from 1978-79's £2.9m to eround £3.5m and further boardroom share sales will probably be small.

finishing £1 to? off the highest levels. After hours, it ended for the bottom for the day. Variables came in for support with 3 point rises.

Dealers reported a fairly firm but uninteresting market in leading industrial stocks. leading industrial stocks. Unilever at 423p, Rank at 202p, Fisons at 272p and BAT Industries at 233p were ale unchanged by the end, having put on a couple of pence at some points ICI showed one of the biggest gains for the day, rising 6p to 370p, while Beechams added 2p to 121p. Glaxo gained 4p to 248p and Pilkington rose by 4p to 215p. Courtaulds, which has recently been the subject of some activity in the traded options market, added 1p to 70p, despite fears that the com-

nany's results in May may not

Latest results

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Briefly .

Rock Darham (formerly Bank Bridge Group) reports turnover

Bridge Group) reports turnover for nine months to December 31 of £1.25m. Pretax profit, £258,000. Dividend, 1.07p gross. No comparisons available. Courtney Pope (Holdings): Turnover for half-year to November 30, £10.59m (£8.42m). Pretax profit, £440,000 (£425,000). Interim payment, 1.71p (same) gross.

F. W. Thorpe : Turnover for half-

year to December 31 rose from £2.08m to £2.23m and premax pro-

£2.08m to £2.23m and pretax profits from £378,000 to £400,000. Interim payment. 1.42p (1.03p). Winston Estates' turnover for the year to March 31, 1579, was £63,000 (against £333,000). Profit, after tax, £235,000 (£146,000). Total dividend, 2.5p (2.06p) gross. New Equipment Ltd.— Turnover for year to October 31, £1,85m (£1.73m). Pretax profit, £132,000 (£148,000). Total dividend, 1.48p (1.44p) gross.

(£148,000). Total dividend, 1.48p (1.44p) gross.
Tate of Leeds: Turnover for year 1979, £13.01m (£13.05m). Pretax profit, £682,000 (£481,000). Dividend, 1.78p (1.86p) gross.
Bronx Engineering Holdings is making a one-for-one scrip issue and raising the ordinary dividend from £2.53p to 3p gross for the year to November 30. Turnover, £11.21m (£12.16m). Pretax profit, £624,000 (£317,000).
Pressac Holdings' pretax trading

Pressac Holdings' pretax trading profit was more than halved to £276,000 (against £556,000) in the six months to January 31. Turn-

over edged forward from £4.68m to £4.75m. Interim dividend, gross, 0.72p (0.75p, adjusted for

for issue). There was a general fall in demand for electromechanical components in the last quarter, the board reports; this is expected to continue for the rest

Grimshawe Holdings has acquired

Grimshawe Holdings has acquired from Hunter Plastic Industries of Woolwich, the division manufacturing plastic computer spools. The cash price of the plant, stock (to be evaluated) and know-how will be about £225,000.

Rio Tinto Rhodesia: With the recent announcement of full independence being granted for Zimbabwe on April 18 Rio Tinto-Zinc has confirmed to the directors of Rio Tinto Rhodesia that it

tors of Rio Tinto Rhodesia that It will assist the development of existing and new projects by making available ESm.

J. & J. Makin Paper Mills: Turn-over for half-year to September 30

up from £5.21m to £7.58m. Pre-tax profit. £555,000 (£474,000). File Forge: Turnover for 1979. £5.91m (£7.28m). Pre-tax profit, £269,000 (£338,000). Total gross

payment raised from 3.61p to 4.71p.

James Wilkes: Turnover for 1979,

510.67m (£8.99m). Pre-tax profit dropped from £576.000 to £280.000. Total dividend, 5.69p (5.98p)

Hoechst, UK, subsidiary of the

West German group, increased its profit by 15 per cent to 221.3m (before interest and ax) last year. But pretax profit, including asso-

clates, fell by 15 per cent to

W. Richardson : Mr E. Marquis, a

partner in Peat, Marwick, Mitchell has been appointed Receiver of W. Richardson, a Darlington company

which employs 170 people and car-ries on husiness as heating, ven-tilating and general engineers.

30.78(27.65)

clipped by 8p to 380p on fears that Mr C. Y. Tung's 420p bid might be referred to the Monopresent system to make much r dend. :Reed dropped back ip polies Commission.

to 60p: :
Of the 31 companies which: Wednesday night's high levels reported during the day, Woland there was some selling. But seley Hughes announced interim profits up by 40 per cent with a 20 per cent dividend boost for the remainder of the day, which pushed the share price up 20p to 288p.

Barclays Bank whose 42 per cent improvement in profits was at the top end of expectations, finished the day unchanged at 415p; having fallen back to 407p before the announcement.

Boddingtons Brewery, "real ale" group, also saw profits grow by 30 per cent and the share price added 1p 117p.

Hepworth Ceramic's earnings explosition of 20 per cent ensured an 8p gain to 105p while Lex Service also gave a 55 per cent dividend increase and added 21p to 901p. Philips Lamps saw the share price drop back 5p to 395 after a profits fall and Stone-Platt fell back from 421p to 37p after heavy profits fall and the news that the final dividend was to be

Steetley added 3p to 176p with improved profits and insurance broker, C. T. Bowring, gained 5p to 133p on a sharp increase in the dividend. Weir Group's shares continued on the downward path, losing 4p to 37p after the previous day's poor results, whilt Dickin-son Robinson added 1p to 102p after profit figures announced on Wednesday. Mills and Allen essed 5p to 306 on the results. Channel Tunnel revived dur-

ing the day and gained 30p to 200p after hopes were revived by the Government's announcement that the rall tunnel might

Year's total

26.4(20.2)

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5.0(3.60) 9.5(8.1)

1.03(0.99)

0.8(0.8)

1.4(4.04)

10.5(7.26)

-(-) -(-) 1.75(1.39) 1.25(1.25)

-(-) 7.0(1.68) 4.12(4.12) 1.75(1.62)

Herr Peter Von Siemens, one new share for 17 old

Commerzbank pessimistic

West Germany's Commerz- dividend of DM8.50 for 1979.

4/4 2/6 25/4 13/5 16/5 28/3

20/5 29/4

30/5 1/5 14/5

30/5

Management of Sigmens has

decided to take advantage of

DM112.5m (£26m) in remaining

authorized capital through an

board, said at the annual meet-

ing yesterday that shareholders

would be invited to subscribe

for the issues at an issuing price of DM100 a share on a basis of

as bad as 1979 for the banking

business, according to manag-ing board chairman Herr Robert Dhom.

He made the prediction after

announcing that the parent bank's net earnings declined 27 per cent to DM126.29m

£30mi in 1979 from DM173.42m

in 1978. Commerzbank an-

nounced earlier, however, that

it would pay an unchanged

Fried Krupp Huettenwerks

said its DM10m (£2.3m) 1979

profit, after four years of

losses, results from higher

volume sales, higher prices and

rationalization measures.
Results in 1980 would be affected by political uncertainties as well as further energy

Turnround for FKH

and raw material cost increases, higher than a which the company said it company said.

chairman of the supervisory shares.

issue of new stock.

1.0(O.48)

6.5(4.47)

4.2(0.84)

4.4(3.6)

e per share. Bisasshere in Business News dividends are e net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and

Montague L. Meyer, timber group, subject of bid rumours for weeks and now rumoured as a possible bidder for Mallinson-Denny, gained 4p to 112p while Mallinson's added 3p, to 63p. Muirhead showed a starp move upward as specula-tion recommenced by going from 191p to 202p. UUT added 3p to 55p after rumours of a possible bid from Citibank, hile MFI, whose bid for Status Discount is expected imminently, remained unchanged at

In oils, where recovery was seen mainly among the second-liners. Shell retreated by 6p to 358p, Ultramar was unchanged at 492p and Burmah added 2p to 198p. Lasmo gained 15p to 450p, while Viking, the current bid favourite, stayed at 1030p.

Shares in Muirhead, the facsimile transmission group, have been on the move again, closing at 202p pesterday for a two-day gain of 18p. Speculators are hoping for a bid from the United States Tyco Laboratories, which owns a quarter of the equity and started building up its stake at around the 250p level. But rumour has it that Tyco no wwants out, which could leave some fingers burnt.

Siebens advanced 13p to 508p as the serback the sector re-ceived continued to diminish and confidence is gradually re-stored. National Carbonising gained 11p to 127p, reflecting its oil interests and Weeks Petroleum continued to benefit from the spin-off created by the oil discovery in south west Louisiana earlier in the week. It went up by 25p to 365p. Carless Capel was unchanged at

Among the mines there wer some sharp increases as the bul-lion price continued to rise reaching S561 at the afternoon fix, which it held. Among the London financials, Consolidated Gold Fields gained 14p to 489p, and Rio Tinto Zinc added 3p to 368p, De Beers D'id went from 592/16 to \$91 9/32.

Of the Australians, Poseldan reflected the gold and com-modity prices moves and finished at 1151p while Western Mining rose 6p to 207p.

In the rubbers, bid speculation over Guthric which is likely to go on until the end of

the month when Sime is permitted to renew its earlier abortive offer, pushed the price up 10p to 800p while Castlefield added 25p to 502p.
Equity turnover for March 19
was £87.75m (number of bargains, 14,924). The most active

stocks according to the E-x change Telegraph, were Premier, Burmah, Rio Tinto Zinc, Trincentrol, Bat, Beecham, Turner and Newall, Shell, BP, Mills & Allen, GEC and Racal.

International

spectively—be made in May, he said, and new sbares would be eligible for dividend payments Herr Bernhard Plenner,

decline in earnings was due to

unsatisfactory earnings from

commissions on securities trad-

The bank also reported that consolidated worldwide net earnings had declined 37 per

would try to balance with higher prices.

the company to raise raw steel

the end of the year was much

higher than at end-1978, the

Increased demand enabled

cent to DM142.5m. DM224.06m in 1978.

Steetley ahead of forecasts at £23.5m

By Peter Wilson-Smith Both Steetley and its recent

E30m acquisition Gibbons Dudley have beaten the forecasts made at the sime of the offer. So, including a £62,000 pretax contribution, net of its cash financing costs, from Gibbons Dudley, Steetley's profits for 1979 were up from £20.4m to £23.5m. Sales rose by 19 per rent to £297.5m.

Steetley's major activities are mineral extraction, producing construction materials and refractories and chemicals. The overseas companies in Europe, Canada and Australia supplied most of the growth in 1979. Overseas profits before interest rose by 46 per cent to E8.5m where they now account for 30 per cent of the group total.

Exports from the United Kingdom managed a 16 per cent rise to £28m despite the strength of sterling. But United Kingdom profits at the preinterest level were only about per cent higher, following the poor start to 1979 when the bad weather and transport strike cost the group over £2m in lost

Streetley has been investing heavily over the last few years—capital spending was £19m in 1979— and Gibbons Dudley looks a good fit. But prospects for 1980 are clouded by the steel strike. The steel industry is a major customer for the refractories group's

Up 3p to 176p the shares yield 8.5 per cent after the 43 per cent rise in the gross dividend. The fully-taxed p/e ratio

Options

Even the latest surge in the gol dprice failed to instil much life into traded options yesterday, although contracts rose slightly from 292 to 389. Things are likely to remain this way until the Budget next week when it is hoped that the Goveroment will clarify the capital gains and stamp duty rules in relation to traded options. relation to traded options. However, some dealers feel that should the situation remain unaltered it may signal the end of traded options on the London market.

Nevertheless, investors express some interest in Con-solidated Gold and RTZ although dealers described turnover as low.

Traditional options had another busy declaration day even though the amount of new business was negligible. "Puts" were ar

"Puts" were arranged in Ashton Mining, Trictutrol and MFPC while a "double" was completed in Rothmans Int.

Ceramic improves to £36m

Despite difficult trading conditions in the past year, Hepworth Ceramic managed to increase profits by almost a tifth on the back of increased

spending programme, which has enabled the group to install new plant and equipment and lower unit costs, has boosted 1979 pretax profits from £30.4m

clayware, was the only one to reduce its contribution—from £15.1m to £14.4m-as a result of a downturn in the market in America. Several plants were of commission during the period for the installation of new equipment and this ought to boost profits in the current

In the United Kingdom, clayware side increased its profits

The refractories subsidiarles showed the largest improvement, more than doubling pretax margins from 4.3 per cent to 8.7 per cent, despite a downturn in demand in real terms. Turnover at £61m was little more than maintained during the year while pre-tax profits rose from £2.6m to £5.3m.

dom rose from £32.8m to £35.9m. The group also made a profit of £912,000 on the sale of an unlisted investment in America.

After the group's £28m rights issue, in October, Hepworth is thought to have some £20m in cash in its balance sheet. However, capital spending is likely to be £40m annually over the next few years and the group is also on the look out for an acquisition in America.

As forecast at the time of the rights, the full year dividend has been raised by a third to 7.14p gross. At this level the shares,

US expansion as profits soar

Tricentrol plans

By Richard Allen

mprovement.

at least to abandon its policy of

paying dividends out of non-oil profits and ploughing the rest back into exploration and pro-

The final dividend has been

increased to 6p gross, making a year's total of 10p gross, which represents a four-fold increase

and is covered less than three

times by total earnings.

Canada, which could result in Revenues from Tricentrol's shares equal to as much as 02 near 10 per cent stake in the per cent of the existing equity per cent of the existing equity being offered to transatlantic North Sea's Thistle field have produced an unexpected upinvestors. Tricentrol intends to use the

surge in profits.

For the year to December 31, profits were more than £13m up at £21.3m pre-tax with a, £9m jump to £13.7m in United proceeds to accelerate growth in North America. It has looked at a number of opportunities in the oil and gas area and hopes to launch a signifi-Kingdom oil and gas production proceeds providing most of the cant takeover move in the second half of this year. Liquidity is such that the group has decided for this year

The group's United States ambitions will be supported by a revaluation of the group's Thistle field and existing North American reserves. An indepen-dent valuation has put a figure of £115m on discounted future net cash flow from Thistle compared with a book value of £30m and a figure of £80.4m on proven Canadian and United States reserves against a book total of £17.6m.

Meanwhile the group intends to continue its expansionary thrust with the help of a plac-ing in the United States and News of the revaluations helped life the shares 8p to 288p yesterday.



Despite three years of falling because of the United Kingdom profits, Mr James Insch (above right), chairman of Birmid Qualcast, gave shareholders no hint of current trading at yesterday's annual meeting.

However, in his annual report he warned that 1980 may not be the best year for the group to demonstrate the benefits of its rationalization programme

and world recession. In 1979 pre-tax profits fell from £4.8m to £3.1m and the dividend was cut by a quarter, but Mr Insch told shareholders in the report and accounts that the group was planning to achieve considerably improved profits in the current period.

Mr Insch is pictured above with his deputy chairman Mr Brian Fitton.

worse th expected

Philips's

Philips Lamps, 1 holding company for electrical multination fered a fall in net almost Fl 100m las Fl 1,619m (£137m). Although lower p been expected, the worse than expe Philips's share pric European stock exc London, the shares down at 395p. Last year the con warning that it was warning that it wideclining sales and) perition in the colour market. Philips has

itsef to staying in thi sumer goods busines admits that most of profits is attributable down in the grown pean television sales This slowdown be evident in the first last year when profi from Fl 276m in the period of 1978 to FT

Fi 9,030m. Sales for the full sales for the full up by about FI.
Fi 33,238. Most of it is attributable to hi volume rather than a result, trading FI 1,851m compar FI 2,145m.

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Fl 1,055m, whereas they were Fl 1,378m, cause of the short

the home country Netherlands from With profits le expected and anot year ahead, Philips I to keep the final c. P. 1.20, making a to year of Fi 1.80, the 1978.

collapse in operating

Assets rose by FI FI 135,150m. Currer showed a marked i FI 10,647m Stock

The company poin 50 per cent particle ne longer include tionately in the because of "technic

An expansionary capital

to £36m. Turnover rose £25m to £272m, leaving margins a full point higher at 13.6 per cent. The group's main division,

by around £1.6m.

Exports from the United King-

which rose 8p to 105p yester-day, yield 6.8 per cent and trade at five times fully taxed earn-

Lex's performance pleases the market the registration of By Our Financial Staff

Despite a slow-down in the vehicles is still imp: second half, BL and Volvo car dealer Lex Service Group still produced buoyant annual appears to have ar figures and a 50 per cent rise in the dividend. And the news was enough to add 34p to the shares at 901p yesterday.

Turnover, at £499m for 1979. was a quarter up on the previous year, while pre-tax profits rose from £18m to £22.8m. At the trading level, profits at £28.8m showed a better rise on the previous period, but an increase in borrowings pushed in-terest charges from £4.5m to

Lex had a successful year with Volvo (where the prime business is as importers and suppliers to the 240 dealerships) and the upturn has continued into the current period where

decline in market has around 20 BL o The hotels division cludes London's Carl traded in live with ex-A final dividend o gives shareholders a: of 10p, which, with trading at 901p, inc yield to 11 per cent, earnings multiple at

postq.

Mr Ronald Denny the board of Thames He takes the place of M

Dicks who has resigned Mr R. W. Koehrer t

an associate director in management services

Bank. Mr. John Clements

managing director of Advanced Systems (UK

Mr Graham Clarke financial director and secretary of West's Pili:

struction, and Mr To has been made contract

the London office of

Mr Brian Hicks has 2

Scottish American

Sir Alastair Down has been made a director of Scottish American Investment.

Lazard Brothers, has joined the board of Wolstenholme Rink. Mr Peter Collard has been made manufacturing director of Holt

aging director of Potato & Allied Services. Sir Alan Campbell has become a director of National Westminster

Bank's main board. Mr John Parker, board member for shipbuilding, British Shipbuild-ers, has been elected a member of the international general committee of Burezu Veritas, the French ship of Burezu Veritas, the French ship classification society.

Mr R. H. Sellier, assistant managing director of Cementation International has been made managing director of Cementation Construction. He succeeds Mr Peter Maguire.

Mr Williams S. Barrack has been alasted chairman of Torsco.

been elected chairman of Texaco.
Mr Thomas E. Cottrell will continue as a managing director of Texaco. Mr J. M. Williams, a ddirector of Texaco and the president of Texaco and the president of Texaco.

dent of Texaco Production Bank International in Toronto.

and Mr Geoffrey Pointon has been

made a director.

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vices, has become a managing director of Texaco.

Mr R. J. Marshall is now president of LBI (Canada). He will also be chief representative of Lloyds

Bank International in Toronto.

Lord Chalfout has become a non-executive director of Shandwick Consultants.

Mr A. Ross Belch, retiring chairman and managing director of Scott Lithgow, has been made a director of Ganit Armstrong and Kemble and Ganit Armstrong and Kemble (International).

Mr W, Huggins is now chairman of Pointon York Sciater: Mr Nigel Sclater is managing director and Mr Geoffrey Pointon has been

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Annualized credit gran rate expansion : 11.6 6477-Sterling
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Hepworth

Siemens plans DM112.5m issue

management board chairman, said the company was reason-ably optimistic over prospects. The more economic use of energy and the development of productivity. alternative energy sources to reduce oil dependency would give a new impetus to the world

in coming years, he said Nuclear energy as a substitute for oil would also play a decisive role, he added.

Sanofi increase Sanofi, the pharmaceutical

and cosmetics division of the Elf-Aquataine oil Group of Herr Dhom said the sharp France says it had provisionally estimated its net consolidated drastically shrinking earnings on interest in 1979, as well as income for 1979 (excluding minority interests) stood at Ft 127m, an increase of 65.8 per cent on the Fr76.6m realized

electrical and electronic market

Gross cash flow rose by 36 cent to Fr245m from Fr180m. As previously reported, Samofi's sales rose by almost 20 per cent last year to Fr2.95bn, and figures for the

first two months of this year show a 22 per cent increase. Rank Xerox (Italy)

Rank Xerox SPA, of Milan,

output by 7 per cent over 1978. maker of photocopying equip-ment and fully-owned Italian subsidiary of Loadon-based Rank Xerox, says it more than Steel processing activities yielded sales of DM1,190m, compared with DM805m a year earlier and the order book at quadrupled its profit in the year ended October 31, 1979. Profit rose to 11.9bn lire from 2.8bn in the preceding year. Sales climbed 17 per cent to

130.2bu lire. The company attributed the market profit increase mainly to an improved financial posi-

service charges from foreign exchange losses dropped to 2.7 per cent of turnover in from 6.5 per cent in 1978 and 10.8 per cent in 1977.

Knudsen, president. In an address to securities crease this year. The chairman Signor Mr Knudsen said Macmillan Ermanno Mongiovi said debt-

Macmillan Bloedel outlook

analysts in New York, Mr Knudsen said the company ex-

By Our Financial Staff Cope Allman, the industrial

holding company, raised pretax

interim profits by £300,000 to

£5.71m in the six months to the

end of December.

But Mr Louis Manson, the group chairman, says the im-

pact of the steel strike makes

it unlikely that profits will ex-ceed last year's \$11.8m. The board has therefore held the dividend increase down to 5

per cent, declaring an interim

Macmilian Bloedel expects

for the balance of 1980. earnings in 1980 to fall short of However, he said, the profit tion and sales growth resulting last year's \$154.9m, or \$7.03 a contribution for Macmillan's from introduction of new proshare, according to Mr Calvert other business sectors could in-

expected its net mill prices from North American lumber pected the present softness in sales to decline by about 20 per North American markets for cent this year because of rebuilding materials to continue duced construction activity.

cialist steel maker. Profits in

the first half of the current

This half, however, will in-

corporate the consequences of the steel strike. Production at

Lees was disrupted for about a month, and the full effects

lost profits.

Cope Allman expects difficult second half engineering division, which in-cludes J. B. & S. Lees, a spe-expectations of growth will not

Mr Manson also said

be achieved".

financial year fell to £1.23m interest charges for the full from £1.48m in the comparable previous period. The engineering strike cost about £400,000 all increased profits. Packaging led the way, wit ha £500,000 rise to £1.78m. But Mr Manson points out that margins are still a bit low, the improvement partly reflects starting from a low base, and orders, particupayment of 1.785p. are yet to be seen. Chiefly for larly for cosm. The main problem is Cope's these reasons the directors are falling off, larly for cosmetic containers,

There is also some doubt about whether orders to the expectations of growth will not fashion division will repeat the winter seasons' success in raising profits from £1.03m to £1.21m. The summer season is a slack period for Cope in the fashion area. The steadiest contributor to

turnover, up £9m to £99.6m, is Capseals Group, in which, Cope has a 59 per cent stake. Its pretax profits contribution was £872,000. Capseals also declared an interim dividend of 1.5p, up

At the end of las group increased its United Carriers, a r port operator, to 28.2 However, the group yesterday that it sees ing as an investment's potential take-ove

Business appointments

Director for

Mr Douglas McLeod has joined Barratt Construction as technical director. Mr Norman Bruce, previous holder of the post, has been made commercial director.

Mr S. H. Wright, a director of Reynolds Associates as

tive director.

Mr Maurice Westby joined the board of Re Mr Barry G. K. Brice has become a partner in Pinsent. Mr Ian Henderson becomes man-MONEY SUPP The following are the figure for the monthly amount of a seasonally adjusted at the dates:

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is year the volume es is running at the as last year. But 4-3 per cent volume th, combined with a sase in February, sales by almost 16 \$21.5m.

however, forged 9.5 per cent to just with the aid of its in efficiency.

rancial Staff. F3.3m development programmer is expected to be complete is expected to be completed this summer. Spending may fall slightly this year and the emphasis will start switching towards development of its tied

Free trade sales, which represent 18 per cent of the total sales, are also to be expanded. Below the line a higher tax charge leaves the after tax figure at £2.25m from £2.1m and, after extraordinary items, the attributable profit is £2.27m against £2.12m.

This leaves the 5.36p gross total dividend raised by 29 per cent, 2.7 times. Stated estimates per share came out at £2.55p

per share came out at 10.03p against 9.25p.

The shares rose 1p yesterday to 117p to yield 4.6 per cent with a p/e ratio of 11.7. pending was about 979 and the whole

ey hes ahead

ughes has continued most of the current tral heating systems. rofits for the six famuary 31, leapt by it to £7.69m on turnn £78.2m to £102.6m. s latest acquisition James Group, for ud £23m last June, 2m on turnover of

profit worked out at ared with £5.9m and interest charges of at £457,000 last year. rs have declared an idend of 7.3p gross,
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ess, Mr J. Lancaster, an, was optimistic ects for the full year mwilling to make a pects profits to at the £15m.

question mark over fitability this year th the continuing now in its twelfth

Newspaper group sees little growth

By Michael Clark

Despite a shortfall in profits
at the halfway stage the Liverpool Daily Post & Echo has
managed to show some growth
overall—but only just.

Pretax profits for the full
year to December 31 show an
increase of £92,000 compared
with the £4m for the 15 months
last year. This was slightly below most market expectations
and was achieved on turnover
virtually inchanged at £54.5m
leaving a trading profit of
£3.78m.

The directors have proposed

The directors have proposed a final dividend of 10 lp gross making a total of 15.8p against

a final divinend of 10-19 gross making a total of 15-8p against 13-5p.

Last year the group underwent rationalization which included the closure of its web-offset operation in Liverpool at a cost of 276,000 and the sale of its Rizafeg retail chein, consisting of over 100 shops.

This accounted for an extraordinary them of 21-03m compared with a debit of £1.07m which was partly responsible for the rise in other income from £230,000 to £316,000.

However, the board warns that the threatening recession does not augur well for the current year with the likelihood of a cut in advertising revenue. But on the plus side the paper making and packaging sides should maintain their trading results.

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26.2 per cent greater, pretax profits of Fisher rose by 24.9, a best ever £1.51m

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Development sales lifts City of Aberdeen land

Boosted by £353,000 from the sale of office development, pretax profits of City of Aberdeen Land Association soured to £756,000 in the half-year to December 31. This compares with £145,000 in the similar half-year last time and the full-year results of £396,000 achieved in £1978-79. The interim dividend, gross, is being raised from 3.73p to 5p. The board is confident about the future.

Rolls-Royce Motors expects higher profit

Provided Rolls-Royce Mot Holdings can successfully cope with the aftermath of the national steel strike and there national steel strike and there are no further major national disruptions, profits in 1980 should see an improvement over 1979's f.7.14m pretax, despite the problems associated with inflation. So writes Mr Ian Fraser, the chairman, in his annual report.

The steel strike is beginning to have further depressive

The steel strike is beginning to have further depressive effects on the economy and Rolls-Royce Motors has had a dispute at the Shrewsbury factory, now settled, which has cost the company "considerable revenue" in February, the chairman reveals,

Mills & Allen jumps 56pc at half-time

On numover 45 per cent up at On numover 45 per cent up at £22.53m, pre-tax profits of Mills and Allen International jumped by 56 per cent to £4.72m in the half-year to December 31. All major tracking divisions achieved improved results during a period which benefited from the strong demand for cutchor and strong demand for outdoor and cinema advertising and the high level of activity in the money broking busine

The second half has started "satisfactorily", but the dis-parity between the first and second-half's profits this year is second-nar's provise this year is unlikely to be as pronounced as last year, the board says. Pre-tax profits for 1978-79 reached a record £7.23m. The interim dividend, gross, is being increased from 3.83p (ediamond) as £71m or redered (adjusted) to 5.71p to reduce the disparity between payments.

Strong sterling hits Photo-Me

In spite of the turnover of Photo-Me International expand-ing by 9.5 per cent to £13.11m in the six months to October 31, pre-tax profits were virtually unchanged at £1.43m, against £1.42m. The interim payment is being raised from 3.15p to 4.5p. gross. Profits were held back by the stronger pound and the almost doubling of VAT to 15



Bowring is working well for Britain

In a year of increasing trading and economic difficulties with high interest rates, weakness of the dollar and ever increasing inflation, Bowring has shown marked steadiness in all sectors of the Group's world-wide operations.

These include insurance broking—compares favourably with competitors: insurance underwriting—good year with outstanding results from Crusader: credit finance—Bowmaker affected by high borrowing costs; engineering improvement despite difficult economic environment; merchant banking —Singer & Friedlander another year of progress; trading—profits maintained; shipping—substantial turnaround.

Results of C.T. Bowring & Co. Ltd.

for the year 1979, subject to audit:

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Turnover	£m 1280·9	**
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Minority	0.6	52
Profit before extraordinary item	19.4	1 1
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Available for Ordinary Shareholders	19.4	, ,
Earnings per share	18.16	



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MARKET REPORTS

Discount market

Heavy tax payments yesterday created extremely tight credit con-diams in the discount market. Bank of England assistance was Bank of England assistance was eventually required on an exceptionally large scale. The authorities purchased a mederate amount of Treasury bills and a small number of corporation bills from the houses and the banks, and also bought a moderate quantity of eliable bank bills directly from the houses. Some of the corporation bills and all of the "eligibles" were acquired on a resale basis.

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resale basis.

In addition, the bank lent a large sum overnight at MLR to four or five houses. As well as a large excess of Revenue transfers to the Exchequer (tax) over Government disbursements, the market had to contend with balances that were slightly below target overnight,

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Wall Street

New York, March 20.—The stock market was mixed in slow trading this morning—The Dow Jones was off 1.53 pts to 799.40. Advances led declines 510 to 477, among the 1,417 issues crossing the tape. First-hour volume amounted to about 7m shares, compared with 11,170.000 on Wednesday. In the news background, the Government said the nation had a deficit on balance of payments on current accounts in last year's fourth quarter after a \$1,140m surplus in the third quarter.

Analysts said Wall Street

Analysts said Wall Street apparently is hopeful a recession will emerge soon to dampen inflation and reduce interest rates.

Gold leans \$67

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New York, Warth 19 — GOLD con- tinued its recovery at NY Comes with a S67 leap, closing at \$550.50 an ounce against yesterday 5 price of \$465. Warch \$549.00-\$522.00: April, \$538.50: May \$576.50: June, \$531.50: Aug \$570.50: Oct. \$286.50: Dec \$602.50: Feb \$610.50: April, \$5002.50: Feb \$610.50: April, \$5002.50: Inno \$650.50. May \$666.50:
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Talks continue in

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Storemen and Packers Union is escalating action against various sectors of Aurralian industry in response to the previously reported decision of the Australian Wool Selling Brokers employers federation to dismiss the 1,400 storemen not on strike.

These men have been providing financial support for the 400 storemen in the major wool selling centres of Melbourne and Sydney whose continued strike action has prevented any resumption of wool exports.

Foreign exchange report

The pound ended below its best yesterday at 2.1980 against the dollar after 2.2050 at one stage, compared with Wednesday night's 2.1930. On a trade-weighted basis it retreated from an opening 72.6 to finish at 72.3, just 0.1 better. Neither the Treasury's consulta-tive document on monetary control nor the latest banking figures made any significant impact on the pound's performance, dealers said.

Lower Euro dollar interest rates were largely responsible for the dollar losing ground, though there was no real pressure. Conditions were such that the Bundesbank, for once, remained on the sidelines, and the D mark strengthened to 1.86. The French franc, 4.3440 (4.3735), did better than most. The Swiss franc closed at 1.7563 (1.7695). The yen hardly moved all day and closed at 248.55 (prev. 248.45).

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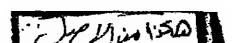
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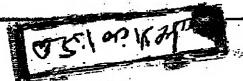
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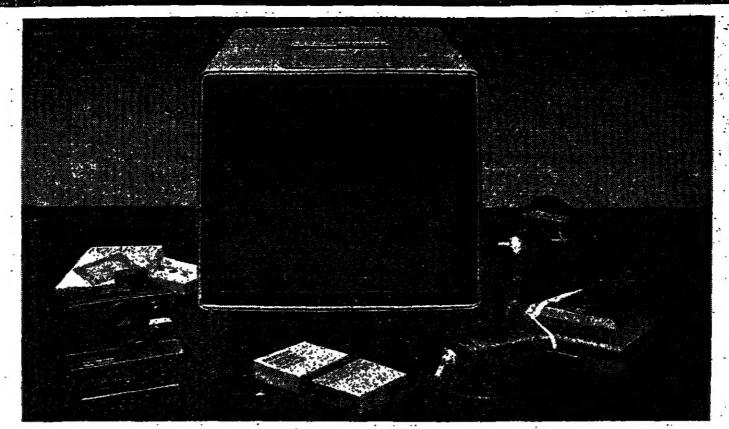
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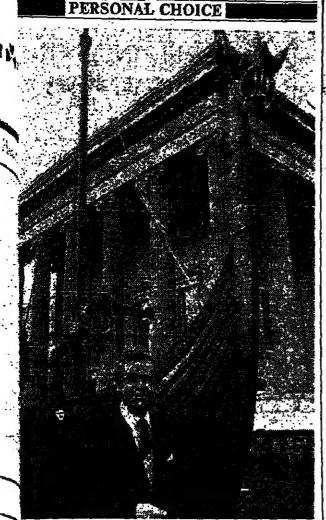
10.50 Film: The Pit and the Pendu-lum (1961). Full-blooded horror movie about a man (Vincent Price)

moyle about a man (Vincent Price) who thinks he might have buried his wife alive. It has very little to

Crenshaw and Glen Campbell at St Andrews, A Marley Challenge

10.15 Therese Raquin: repeat of part 2 of this powerful adaptation of Zola's novel about murder and conscience. With Kate Nelligan as

Therese, Brian Cox as the mur-



Magnusson and Odin's Raven, outside the British : Vikings! (BBC 2, 8.30)

s Magnusson's self-identification with his Viking
(as the whole world knows by now, he is an Icelander)
stively summed up in one short sequence in the first
t of his 10-part series Vikings! (BBC 2, 8.30).
across the ice on a pair of genuine Viking bone skates
g technology does work ", he concludes—Mr
in eventually slumps into a bank of snow and ruefully at his ancestors would not have been impressed by his nce. This handsomely photographed series covers ound to the Viking exhibition at the British Museum: d culture and achievements of a race of men we have ily categorized as rapists and pillagers. Thus, as d before, the exclamation mark in the title is an ted attempt at sensationalism and should have

e putlet will wince at what the Hollywood director. cman did with that classic tale of a nick-of-time rescue ad the Pendulum (BBC 1, 10-50). Poe's unnamed ondemned by the Inquisition to be sliced in two by a blade, becomes in Mr Corman's film a named victim zy passion of a Spanish grandee. But, though the plot which Mr Corman stitched on to Poe's concise error is too ridiculous for words, the film's pendulum icular creation of fieudish ingenuity. For fidelity to the you must listen to David Pinner's adaptation in the ols programme (Radio 4, VHF, 11.20 am).

ow, and I know, what we thought about the Radley offiles which ended last night. But what did Dennis varden of the college, think about them? And Clive The Observer? And those two political rivals, Rhodes arliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education abour education shadow, Neil Kinnock? We can find it in a discussion chaired by David Dimbleby

icago Symphony Orchestra, conducted not by Solti e almost come to take for granted but by Charles, , should none the less sound impressive in today's ncert (12.05 and 1.05). There's some Janacek and Valton's symphony No 1 and Hindemith's Violin with Josef Suk as soloist... Today's Afternoon Radio 4, 3.15) which is Jacky Gillott's Hush Hush, to hear once again the sorely missed voice of

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.48 am Open University: Disaster simulation; 7.05 Drugs: Industry and regulators; 7.39 Nature of chemistry. Closedown at 7.55.!

9.05 For. Schöols, Colleges: Treft. Punkt: Deutschland; 9.25 Athlete 5.40 News: with Richard Baker. (hammer); 3.52 Look, and Read: 5.55 Nationwide: with Desmond 10.15 Maths in a Box; 10.35 Going Lynam's Sportswide.

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11.25 You and Me: One for you and one for me (r).

12.60 Per Schools Colleges: Every. 6.40 am Open University: Disaster

one for me (r). 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Every-

12.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Mister Men: Mr Lazy and Mr

Busto (r).

2.02 Schools, Colleges: David blackmailer strike?

Cook's play "If only", Talking to a dead friend; 2.35 A. Good Job replies to viewers' letters.

with Prospects (working in a lab).

Closedown at 3.00.

3.20 Pobol y Cwm: Serial in Welsh.

Did the offender relevision that

BBC 2 6.46 Open University Riccio's bronzes; 7.65 Earth materials (3) 7.30 Mineral processing. Close

down at 7.55. 11.00 Play School : Same as BBC 1, . 3.55. Close down at 11.25. 4.50 Open University: Journey into frequency space; 5.15 Bore-hold logging; 5.40 Statistics a binomial distribution; 6.05 Movement of substances in plants; 6.30 Parliamentary expenditure commit-

tre.
6.85 Gardener's World: Bringing a
very neglected cottage garden back
to pleasing life. Also hims on
Cordon apples and turfing the lawn
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THAMES 9.30 am For Schools: Botanic Man (extinction of species); 9.57 Stop, Look, Listen (electricity, gas); 10.18 Work (industrial relations); 10.27 It's Your Future: 10.48 About Books (sci-fi); 11.10 Reading with Lenny; 11.22 Leapfrog (usaths); 11.39 Believe it or Not (life and death).

11.55 Cartoon Time: The Wiffle Bird's Revenge (r); 12,00 A Hand-ful of Songs; with Maria Morgan, Keith Field; 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: with puppers.

12.30 The Television Programme:
The television shows we buy
(mostly from the United Siztes)
and the ones we sell. With Pener
Piddick.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Together: The spotlight today is on Dora and Harry Klein. 2,00 After Noon Plus: An interview with the woman who, as a child, was told by her teacher that she was "born to hang". She is Erin Pizzey, indefadigable campaigner for the rights of battered

valves.

2.25 Mid-Week Racing: From Don-caster, the 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30.

3.45 The Entertainers: Souga from Georgie Fame, and the Blue Flames.
4.15 The Tomorrow People : Episode 1 of Living Skins. Strange purchases from a bounque (r). 4.45 Magnie.

Copley concludes his readings from The Runaway, by Gillian Cross; 4.45 Tarzan the Hated: ani-mated film (r); 5.05 Rentaghost: Ghostly contest for inventors; 5.35

do with the Poe story. Ends at 12.15 am approximately. (See Personnel Choice.) dies starring Wendy Craig. Tonight, her husband (Geoffrey REC 1 VARIATIONS: Wales: 1.45 pm Chmillight. S.OS God's Wonderfor Railway, 5.58 Wales Today, 7.00 Heddlw, 7.50 Pebod y Cymr, 10.15 Week in Wark Out. 71.06 Nrws. 71.06 Film Such Dust as Dreams are Made Un. 12.15 am Close. Scotland. 11.06 am Schoold, 12.40 pm News. 5.55 Reporting Scotland. 10.15 Spectrum. 10.45 News. 12.15 am Close. Northern Ireland: 2.53 pm Northern Frehand: 2.55 Scene Around Six. 10.15 Lictures: 10.45 News. 12.15 am News. 10.55 Keep Around Six. 10.15 Lictures: 5.65 pm Regional magazines. 10.15 East. Killing US Softly: London. South-Ess. Fall and Sixe of Regional Perrin: Midlands. Action BO:: North. Immy Sarile's Yorkshire Speakessy. North-Ess. Codsf to Coast: North-Hess. Home Ground: South-Biscope Days: South-West. To the Producers. 12,15. sm Close. Palmer) thinks he may be in for a beart attack (r). 8.20 Breakaway: Episode 5 of the Francis Durbridge thriller, starring Martin Jarvis as the policeman, and Judy Geeson, When will the

3.55 Play School: Ursula Daniels's Did the offender relevision chast story, 10 o'clock in the Square; show guest really murder the girl 4.20 Roobarh:Richard Briers tells a who presented it? Eddie Capra story (r); 4.30 Jackanoty: Paul (Vincent Baggetta) investigates.

7.20 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 Five to One: Young questioners (disc jockey, farmer, policewoman et al) seek answers from Kenneth Oxford, Chief Constitute of the Cons

from Kenneth Oxford, Chief Constable of Merseyside.

8.00 'Public School: Post-mortem on the BBC's Radley College series which ended last right. Discussion is chaired by David Dimbleby (see Personal Choice).

8.30 Vikings I First part of Magnus Magnusson's 10-episode series in which the Viking world is explored at all levels (see Personal Choice).

9.00 Pot Black 80: Twelth and final game in the qualifying round. Graham Miles plays Perrie Mans, both former Fot Black champlons.

9.25 International Golf: Jack Nicklaus and Sean Connery play Ben

derer.

21.10 Jazz: Interview with George Wein, creator of the Newport Jazz Festival, and music from Willie Bobo, Salome Bey and Spyro Gyra.

11.55 Friday Night. . Saturday Mosning: Terry Wogan is the MC in this edition of the music, char and jokes show. His guest is Larry Hagman who plays the unpleasant J. R. Ewing in the BBC TV series Dallas. Ends at approximately 12.45. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Joe Sugden consults his mother. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.30 Thames Sport: With Royald Alli-son, Brough Scott and Alian Tay-London Weekend

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7.00 pm The Muppet Show: The human guest is the American actor Alem Arkin. Includes a Jekyll and Hyde skit.

7.30 Flay Your Curds Right: Bruce Forsyth turns playing cards over for competitors on a money trail. The mixture as before.

8.00 Life Begins at Forty: First-time parents (Derek Nimmo and Rosemary Leach) at the christening. Last of this mildly amusing series.

series.

8.30 Hawaii Five-O: Someone tries to convince Joan Carter (Lynda Marsh) that she is only imagining the frightening attacks being made on her, 9.30 Fully Licensed for Singing and Dencing: A tour of night spots, in the company of comedian Roy Walker.

10.00 News. 10.30 Soap : American comedy series about two families, the Tates and the Campbells. 11.00 The London Programme: Why unions are taking over hospitals in London—three so far. Can

their action prevent more cuts in national health spending?

11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker: The Canadian Cup Trophy. Steve Davis and Rounie Dukes versus David Taylor and Mike Burton. 12.30 am Close: Leslie Crowther reads Lord Byron's poem on the death of his dog. RADIO

8.35 Yesterday in Partiament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs. 9.45 Enquire Within. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Handel, Purcell, 10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspon-3.05 Records : Offenbach, Haydn, Britten, Bernstein.

dest.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Once Upon an Ice Age (5).
11.00 News.
11.05 Between Two Lives.
11.50 Bird of the Week. 12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.37 My Music.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.

1.00 News. 1.05 CSO, pt 2 : Walton (Sym 1).† 1.46 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News: 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Play: Hush Hush, by Jacky Gillott.† 4.10 A Handful of Songs.

4.40 Preview. 4.45 Story: The Education of Hank (op 87).†
4.05 interval reading. Gober Junior. 5.00 PM. 5.55 weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Going Places.

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week.† 8.10 Profile. 8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter From America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight. 10.35 Week Ending.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Touight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 Play: Night Vision.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.33 Weather.

o am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 Schools: Connect;
People ar Work; Country Dancing; Notice Board II; Music
Workshop.

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

Workshop.

10.45-12.00 Schools: A Corner (or Music; Exploring Society; Notice Board II; Listening and Writing; Prospect.

2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Join In; Religious Education; Adventure

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Rein Pro-

Radio 3 6.55 am (mw.only) Weather.

9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Holst.† 10.00 Piano: Chopin, Schumann,

10.00 Piano: Chopin, Schumenn, Scrizbin.†
10.55 BBC NI Orch/Alwyn: Cimarosa, Respighi, Gliuka, Horovitz.†
11.40 Quartet (Gabrieli): Haydu (op 71 no 1).†
12.05 pm Chicago SO/Mackerras, pt 1: Janacek, Dvorak, Hindemith (Vin Conc).†
1 nn News.

1.55 The Arts Worldwide. 2.15 American choral music: Harris (Sym for Voices), Bern-2.55 Four horns: Tippett (Sou).†
3.16 Piano trio (Stuttgart), pt 1:
Beethoven (op 70 no 1), Brahms

4.10 Stuttgart Trio, pt 2 : Schubert

4.55 News. 5.00 (mw and mono only from 6.20) Music for early evening † 7.00 Record : Machaut.† 7.00 Record: Machaut.;
7.10 One Pair of Ears: review.
7.25 Play It Again: preview.;
7.30 Two pianos (Eden, Tamir, live from Broadcasting Centre, Birmingham), pt 1: Schubert (DBI2).;
8.10 Talk: The Kaiser, the King and the Coming of War.
8.30 Eden, Tamir, pt 2: Debussy, Rachmaninov (Suite 2).;
9.25 The Vision of Piers the Ploughman (7).; Ploughman (7).† 9.55 Building a Library: Raydn (Cello Conc in C).† 10.25 Reading: Monkey Nuts, by

D. H. Lawrence. 11.00 Chamber music ; Martinu.† 11.55-12.00 News. 5.00-7.00 am Open University : 5.00-7.00 am Open University:
Structure Mapping in Drosophila;
Utilization of Polysaccharides;
Maths—Limits.
5.20-7.00 pm Open University:
Handicapped in the Community;
Newspapers: and Technological
Change

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5.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Ray
Moore.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03
Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David
Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03
Much More Music.† 5.00 News,
5.05 Waggoners' Walk, 5.20 Much
More Music.† 6.03 Derek Hobson.†
5.02 Friday Night is Music Night.†
9.55 Sports Desk 10.02 Marks in
his Diary. 10.30 Sounds of Latin
America. 11.02 Brian Matthew,
2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night
and the Music.†.

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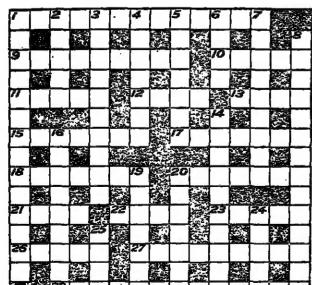
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